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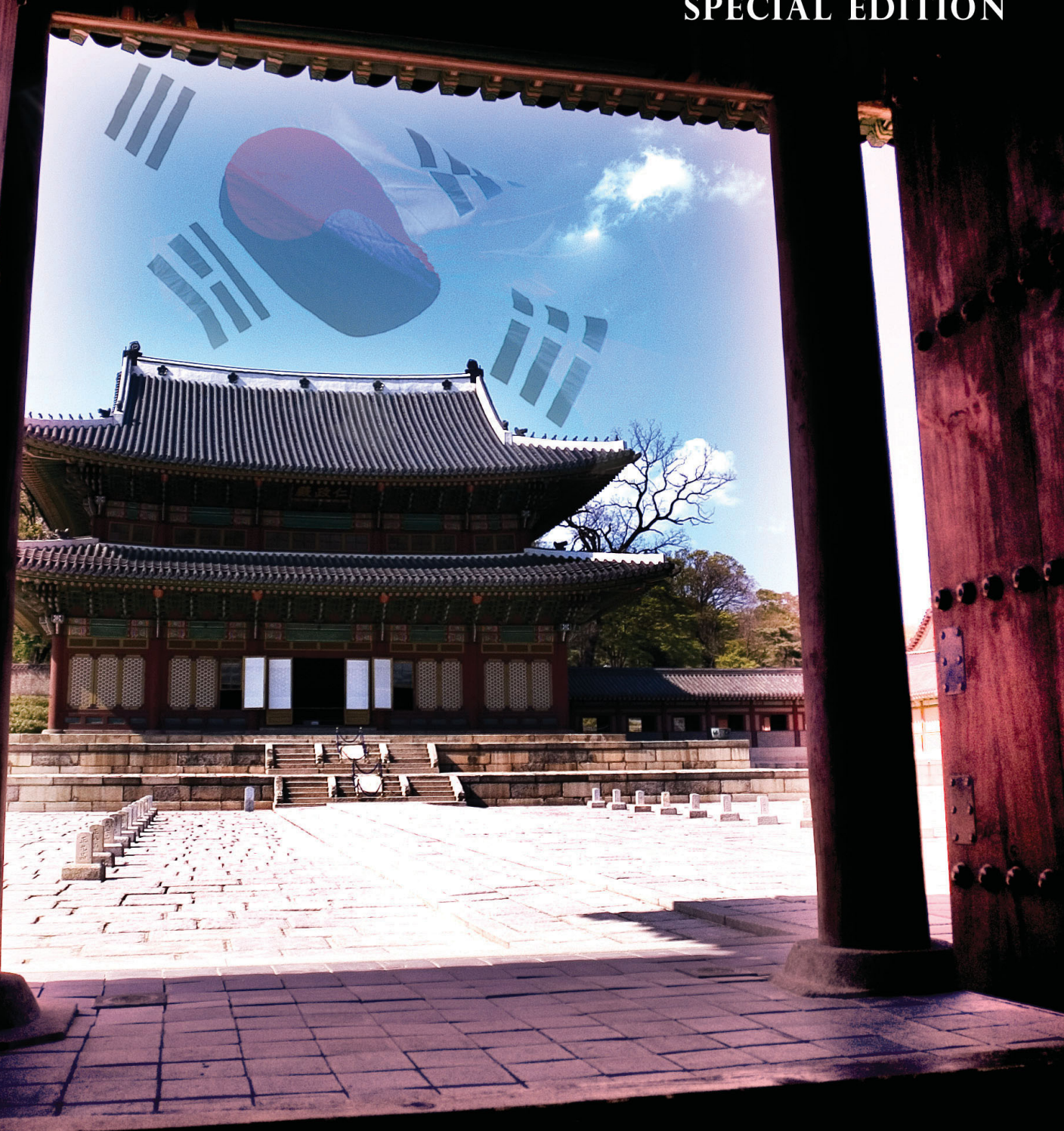
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throughout the Republic of Korea



Welcome to Land of the Morning Calm

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Korea. If this is your first assignment to Korea, you can look forward to an exciting and wondrous experience in the Land of the Morning Calm.

Korea is an ancient nation with a history of over 5,000 years. Recent history has seen this nation reduced to ashes only 55 years ago. Today, you can hardly find remnants of the devastation of the Korea War, but you will readily note that the Republic of Korea is currently in an Armistice with their brothers to the north.

Life here has dramatically changed over the past few decades. South Korea has developed into a vibrant nation which competes in the international arena, having the 11th largest Gross Domestic Product in the world, and the largest ship building facility to be found anywhere.

If you like surfing the web, you might be surprised to know that, per capita, the Republic of Korea is the most wired nation in the world.

More than 70 percent of Koreans have broadband internet access from



Brig. Gen. H.T. Landwermyer Jr.

home and nearly two-thirds of Korean mobile phone users (which is nearly everyone) have the newest generation of phones offering data downloads at speeds ten times faster than is available in the United States.

For those coming back to Korea, you'll see the best the Army as to offer. From

your first day in Korea, you'll become a part of a new vision of making life better for Soldiers, civilian employees and their family members. Army lodges, Army Community Services, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation are just a few of the programs that contribute significantly to the assignment of choice.

Korea is a land of change, and our military structure is also changing for the better. The Installation Management Agency-Korea Region is in its third year of improving the way the Army manages installations and influences quality of life here on the peninsula. The Korea Region is one of seven IMA regions worldwide that produce highly effective, state-of-the art installations, maximizing support to people, readiness and transformation.

As you work, live and travel to any one of the 41 major installations in our four Areas, you will notice a standardization of services that is consistent with the IMA transformation. While warfighters concentrate on training, we are the single point of focus for day-to-day installation

management, sustaining and improving of facilities across those installations, and increasing quality of life standards for those we support.

For those anticipating or contemplating an assignment to Korea, this special edition is designed to ease any uncertainties you may have and give you a brief, up-to-date image of what you will find here in the Land of the Morning Calm.

For those assigned here now, this special edition of The Morning Calm Weekly will highlight what makes Korea the assignment of choice.

Our motto is "Sustain, Support and Defend." We sustain a strong partnership with the 8th U.S. Army in order to defend the Republic of Korea and maintain the United States and Republic of Korea alliance by supporting you with the best quality installation management available today. We look forward to serving you. Hooah!

H.T. Landwermyer Jr.
Brig. Gen., USA
Director, KORO

Ration control allows availability of duty-free products

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The U.S. government is authorized to import items sold in exchange, commissary and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities in Korea without paying customs duties on them. This provision is based on U.S. public law, Department of Defense and service regulations, and the U.S.-Republic of Korea Status of Forces Agreement.

Since these goods are intended for the sole use of authorized U.S. personnel, this provision includes a requirement to control access to these facilities, discouraging the illegal flow of duty-free goods into the Korean economy.

To accomplish this, U.S. Forces Korea established the ration control system. U.S. military members in Korea serving on active duty are granted access by showing

their identification cards. Through issuing agencies, USFK provides ration control cards to authorized civilians (including Department of Defense employees, invited contractors and technical representatives), accompanying family members of retirees and others to protect the privilege of access to duty-free goods.

Each active-duty member and civilian employee is authorized a monthly quantity limit on liquor and cases of beer, and a monthly commissary dollar limit based on family size. Duty-free goods purchases are recorded in a computer database by the quantity, cost and type of item purchased. To aid in preventing illegal transfers of duty-free goods, commanders and law enforcement agencies can review individual and family purchasing records at any time.

Ration control isn't just about access. To ensure availability of some high-demand goods, retail facility managers and installation commanders can place temporary or permanent quantity shelf limits on selected items. These limits specify the number of items that may be purchased per day or other specified period of time.

Additionally, nonconsumable items targeted by black marketers (televisions, refrigerators, stereos, etc.) are classified as controlled items. Purchases of these items are recorded and retained in the individual's purchasing record.

Visitors to Korea who are non-sponsored are not allowed entry into the commissary. Active-duty servicemembers who bring spouses over to visit should stop by the nearest ration control office for more information on a temporary ration control plate. All children who are 10 years and older also require a student ration control plate.

The availability of duty-free goods is one of the benefits offered to military families and government civilians during their service in the Republic of Korea. By obeying ration control guidelines, everyone can work together to prevent the illegal transfer of duty-free goods, and can ensure this benefit remains available to those who serve here.

For information about ration control guidelines and policy, call 723-7189.

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Support and Defend

8th PERSCOM takes care of USFK Soldiers

Sgt. 1st Class Patricia Johnson

8th Personnel Command

Tucked away in the rear of Yongsan Main Post on Camp Coiner is the headquarters of the 8th Personnel Command, led by Col. Michael J. Harris and Command Sgt. Maj. Carlos Martinez-Rivera.

The 8th PERSCOM consists of two personnel service battalions and a Headquarters and Headquarters company. PERSCOM units are located at different sites throughout Korea to service and support Soldiers, civilians and family members. Eighth PERSCOM is responsible for personnel services support, postal operations, personnel strength accounting, casualty operations and personnel replacements for the peninsula.

Most Soldiers throughout the Republic of Korea usually come in contact with 8th PERSCOM units for services such as identification cards, assignment orders, mail, or personnel actions. However, one the primary mission for the 8th PERSCOM is replacement operations orchestrated by the 516th Personnel Services Battalion, 1st Replacement Company on Yongsan's South Post.

The 1st Replacement Co. processes and integrates nearly 25,000 individual replacements and their families annually into the Korean Theater. Soldiers are greeted every day at Incheon International Airport and twice a week at Osan Air Base. To facilitate in processing, the Soldier Support Center, a new multi-million dollar

welcome center, was recently built adjacent to the Dragon Hill Lodge.

The new facility offers state-of-the-art technologies designed to streamline in processing and to maximize efficiency. Soldiers can now sit at a computer workstation and input data into a pre-populated record. Agencies on post share this information along with information gathered during arrival at the airport to complete items such as travel vouchers and housing requests. The new system significantly reduces overall processing time. It also eliminates the requirement for

Soldiers to visit multiple locations around the installation.

Soldiers are lodged at the Dragon Hill Lodge on Yongsan Main Post until their in processing is completed and they are assigned to their new units. After in processing, Soldiers are transported to their major subordinate command to begin integration into their respective units. Initiatives like the new welcome center and streamlining processes are all part of 8th PERSCOM's command philosophy to make Korea "An Assignment of Choice."

AIP offers stability, additional pay

By Staff Sgt. Mark Porter

Korea Region Public Affairs

YONGSAN — Soldiers serving in Korea, or currently on orders for assignment to the Republic of Korea, have the opportunity to extend their tours in Korea one or two years and to take home a little extra money in the process, thanks to the Assignment Incentive Program.

The program, introduced as a one-year test program March 12, 2004, was approved for extension in February and will continue through December 2006.

AIP was created as a way for the Army to cut down on Change of Station costs and to improve

stability in Korea by keeping qualified Soldiers here longer.

"This program was a (U.S. Forces Korea) 'Assignment of Choice' initiative intended to improve quality of life for Soldiers by providing an opportunity to have a say in their assignment process, while providing a great source of stability and reduction of turbulence in the force across the theaters," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Marc Garduno, chief, Strength Actions Branch, 8th Personnel Command.

Garduno, who is enrolled in the program, said that since its introduction AIP has been a definite

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Getting educated about Dept. of Defense schools in Korea

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Registration

Registration for new students for school year 2005-2006 will be ongoing throughout the summer recess. All new families are encouraged to register as soon as they arrive in Seoul at the Community Services Building Bldg. #4106 located across the street from Dragon Hill Lodge and adjacent to Popeye's. For schools other than Seoul, you will take all paperwork directly to the school office to register your students.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 7-11 a.m. and noon - 4 p.m. You will need to bring a copy of the sponsor's orders, the student's immunization records, identification cards and date of estimated return to States extension (if applicable). You must also have sponsor and student social security numbers. Children entering grades kindergarten or first should show a birth certificate or passport. All children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by Oct. 31.

If your child is not included on your orders, a copy of the dependent's travel orders will also be necessary. Navy personnel must contact Personnel Services Detachment to acquire a letter stating the names of the children accompanying them. The telephone number of the Seoul registrar is 738-7707. An alternate number to obtain information regarding the schools is the Korea District Superintendent's Office at 738-5922.

Seoul School Bus Transportation

If you reside off post, you should



FILE PHOTO

Students move between classes at Taegu American School, located at Camp George, Taegu.

register for school bus transportation at the same time you register for school. School bus registration is located in Building # 4106, with the school registrar. For information regarding school bus transportation, call 738-5032.

Seoul American Elementary School

With grades preschool to fifth grade, a staff of 118 and 1,200 students, Seoul American Elementary School is one of the largest elementary schools in the Pacific Region. Known for its extensive curriculum program, SAES also offers programs for special needs students, counseling, enrichment, English as a Second Language, Korean immersion, host nation, culture, computer, media, art, music and physical education programs.

SAES offers a Sure Start program

for four-year old children identified as "at risk" for educational success. This program is similar to the Head Start program implemented in many of the school divisions in the United States.

Seoul American Elementary School will start at 8 a.m. each day and will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are required to remain at school during the lunch period.

For information, visit www.korea.pac.dodea.edu/schools/saes or call the school at 736-4606.

Principal: Don Christensen, 736-4378

Seoul American Middle School

Seoul American Middle School serves approximately 600 students in grades 6-8. A staff of 45 teachers

dedicated to the academic growth of all students provides an age appropriate program designed to meet the needs of middle school students. Seoul American Middle School starts at 8 a.m. and dismisses at 2:35 p.m. There are two lunches, noon-12: 30 p.m. and 12:30-1 p.m.; students are required to remain on the school campus during lunch.

For information, visit www.korea.pac.dodea.edu/schools/sams or call 736-7364.

Principal: Darrell Mood, 736-7364
Seoul American High School

Seoul American High School has an enrollment of approximately 700 students in grades nine through 12 and a staff of 60 teachers. SAHS offers a curriculum designed to fit the college bound student including advanced placement courses, a Professional Technical Studies program, including CISCO Academy I and II, and Computer Service and Support, and an Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program. There are new courses in reading and algebra support.

Counselors will be available to schedule students August 15. Seoul American High School will begin classes at 7:55 a.m., and conclude at 2:40 p.m. each day. Lunch is from 12:30 - 1:10 p.m.

Principal: Kathleen Barbee, 797-3667
For information, visit www.korea.pac.dodea.edu/schools/sahs/ or call the school at 797-3666.

Humphreys American Elementary School

Humphreys American Elementary School is located on Camp Humphreys

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KATUSA Program - a symbol of U.S., Korea alliance

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In Korea, healthy males must serve in the military for a period of at least two years. Some of these young men perform their obligation to their country by becoming integrated into the 8th U.S. Army through a unique program known as Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army.

KATUSA Soldiers are Republic of Korea Army soldiers who serve under the U.S. chain of command, but are commanded by the ROK Army in personnel management.

The KATUSA program began in July 1950, through an informal agreement between the ROK president and Gen. Douglas MacArthur to augment U.S. forces during the early stages of the Korean War. Until 1982, KATUSA Soldiers were selected from either the Army Basic Military Training Center or cadres of ROK Army units.

Currently, KATUSA Soldiers are chosen randomly among a pool comprised of those who have demonstrated English proficiency as measured by a standardized test.

The KATUSA program is important because KATUSA Soldiers comprise 20 percent of the total 8th U.S. Army manpower in Korea and approximately

5,000 KATUSA Soldiers serve side-by-side with U.S. Soldiers. The program also serves as a combat multiplier and increases combat readiness for the U.S. and ROK combined defense capability throughout the Korean peninsula. In addition, the program is symbolic of the U.S. and ROK friendship and mutual support system.

Because of their limited service time, KATUSA Soldiers have a promotion system that differs from U.S. Soldiers.

They serve in a rank for a specified period of time and are then automatically promoted to the next highest rank. For example, they serve six months as a private, six months as a private first class, six months as a corporal and six months as a sergeant.

KATUSA Soldiers are allowed leave time when they are promoted and can earn passes for outstanding job performance. They are also granted passes for emergencies and extenuating family circumstances.

Five major missions the ROKA staff office has are KATUSA management, KATUSA discipline, ROKA-directed training, U.S. and ROK friendship activities and U.S. and ROK liaison work.

KATUSA and U.S. Soldier Friendship



Sgt. STEPHANIE PEARSON

Like their American counterparts, Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers wear their nation's flag on their shoulder.

Week is an annual event designed to help U.S. and KATUSA Soldiers work together to have a better understanding of each other's importance. Each area will be setting aside time to share their cultures during the KATUSA and U.S. Soldier Friendship Week. A variety of sports, entertainment and cultural events will be held.

While KATUSA Soldiers have a good working knowledge of basic English, it should be noted that they are Korean, not American, and that they may still have some difficulty with English and in understanding the differences between American and Korean customs and culture -- just as U.S. personnel must adjust to their host nation's culture.

The following are some of the most important aspects of these cultural differences.

■ **Physical contact** - Koreans tend to stand close together when they talk or walk, and they might seem pushy in public. The misunderstanding arises because Koreans don't recognize personal space in the same way Americans might.

■ **Personal questions** - It is normal for Koreans to ask someone his or her age, marital status and other personal questions when meeting for the first time. While foreigners might consider this impolite, to Koreans it is simply the easiest way to get to know someone.

■ **Holding hands and dancing with the same gender** - Americans are shocked when they see Koreans walking and holding hands or dancing with someone of the same sex.

To Americans these actions are regarded as homosexual. However, in Korea, it simply shows deep friendship.

■ **Hugging an unknown child** - Parents often get a little nervous when strangers touch or hug their children. American parents should not be frightened by this behavior in Korea because it's simply a way of showing they think a child is cute.

■ **Using the index finger when beckoning** - Koreans use their index finger only when beckoning animals, not to call a person. If an American uses this gesture to summon a Korean, the person may be offended.



FILE PHOTO

American and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Soldiers work together during a KATUSA and U.S. Soldier Friendship Week tug-of-war competition.

AIP

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success. "During the first nine months of the AIP program, over \$57 million in permanent Change of Station costs have been avoided, at a program cost of \$35 million; saving the Army \$22 million."

In the first three months, more than 7,800 Soldiers voluntarily extended their tours under the program. As of May 1 that number had grown to more than 9,000.

"The monetary benefits were obviously a factor but the bigger advantage to AIP is the stability it offers my family," said Lt. Col. Bruce Stephens, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 501st Military Intelligence Brigade, who is in Korea on an accompanied, two-year tour and extended for two additional years. "AIP lets us stay where we are comfortable and saves us the trouble and uncertainty of moving again after just two years."

The popular response to the program and the cost savings associated with it were major

factors in AIP's extension past the original cutoff date. In addition to extending the program, Garduno said other changes have been made since its inception to make it more "user friendly."

He said original guidelines had different sign-up windows for one- or two-year extensions. Also, Soldiers already receiving certain pay incentives were not eligible for the program. "If Soldiers wanted to sign up for one additional year of AIP they would have to make that decision within the first 30 days in country or be forced to wait until they reached the sixth month for the next opportunity and then only be allowed to sign up for two years instead of one," Garduno said.

To make the program available to more Soldiers, the short sign-up window has been

"... the biggest advantage to AIP is the stability it offers my family."

— Lt. Col. Bruce Stephens
HHC, 501st Military Intelligence Bde.

opened wide. AIP is now available to Soldiers from the day they arrive in Korea until 90 days before their DEROS or until they receive Army reassignment instructions.

Also, under the revised AIP program, if Soldiers are already serving on a tour with an incentive, they may sign up for AIP and have the action approved, but will start to draw AIP money once the "with incentive tour" is complete.

With limited exceptions, all Soldiers, regardless of rank, currently stationed in Korea or on assignment instructions to Korea, can apply for the program.

For every Soldier that elects the AIP option, the Army not only saves the cost of two PCS moves, but aids the Soldier and their unit.

"The program promotes unit readiness while providing stability and predictability for Korea, the Army and the Soldier," Garduno said.

Schools

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nearby Pyongtaek City. The school opened in 2002 for grades K to 6th grade. There are approximately 170 students in this fast growing community for students in grades K-6. Students will also receive art, music, PE, computer technology, and host nation instruction. There is special education, English as a Second Language, and Gifted Education for those students who qualify for those services. A counselor and nurse will be on the staff.

Registration takes place in the school's office throughout the year. Bus registration also is completed in the school office. (753-8894).

Principal: Donna Kacmarski, 753-8894

School hours: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

For information, visit www.korea.pac.dodea.edu/schools/haes or call 784-8894.

Osan American Elementary School

Osan American Elementary School is located on Osan Air Base, Songtan, Pyongtaek City. The school hours are 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There are approximately 400 students enrolled in Osan American Elementary School. Osan American Elementary School is located on Osan Air Base, Songtan, Pyongtaek City. The school hours are 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There are approximately 440 students enrolled in Osan American Elementary School to include students who attend the annex school at Camp Humphreys. The annex school, which we expect to be completed by the beginning of the school year, will increase the grade levels from grades Kindergarten to grade 6 this coming school year. This accommodation will have students closer to their homes. The school offers the core curriculum and in addition provides English as a Second Language, Gifted Education, services for learning-impaired and communication-impaired students, art, music, physical education and Korean Culture. Extra-curricular activities are offered two days a week. Access to technology education is presented in one of two

computer labs for pre-school to grade 6.

Registration takes place throughout the year in the main office. (784-6912) Bus registration is held in the high school.

Principal: Linda Kidd, 784-6769

For information, visit www.korea.pac.dodea.edu/schools/oaes.

Osan American High School

Osan American High School provides education for 300 students in grades 7 to 12. School hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Students are bussed from Camp Humphreys to Osan American High School. Osan American High School offers a full academic program. School year 03-04 saw the addition of CISCO I and CISCO II, and Computer Service and Support technology classes for students. There is an Air Force JROTC program for interested students.

Registration takes place throughout the year in the main office. (784-9076) Bus registration takes place in the Bus Registration Office in the high school.

Principal: Marie Cullen, 784-9094

For information, visit <http://www.korea.pac.dodea.edu/schools/saes/> or call 736-4378.

Taegu American School

Taegu American School, located at Camp George, Taegu, is a unit school providing education for Pre-K to 12th-graders. The estimated enrollment for SY 05-06 is 680 students. The school hours are from 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. There is U.S. Army JROTC for students in grades 8 to 12. High School students may enroll in reading or algebra support classes.

Principal: Helen Bailey, 768-9503

For information, visit <http://www.korea.pac.dodea.edu/schools/tas/> or call 768-9501.

Pusan American School

Pusan American School is a Pre-K to 12th unit school

of 155 students. The school hours are 8 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. This is a unique school with many nationalities among the student body. In addition to core courses, there are reading support, algebra support, geometry support, web design, lodging management, computer services support, and technical studies classes. This is an open campus for grades 7-12 students during the lunch period. The school has a half time school nurse.

Principal: Keith Henson, 763-7528

For information, visit <http://www.korea.pac.dodea.edu/schools/pas/> or call 763-7528.

C. T. Joy Elementary School

C. T. Joy Elementary School is the smallest DoDDS-Korea school. It is located at the U. S. Navy Support Base at Chinhae. There are 27 students enrolled in Kindergarten to 6th grade. School begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 2:40 p.m. Itinerant special education teachers, school psychologist, information specialist and technology personnel complement and support the educational program.

Principal: Ray Paulson, 762-5466

For information, visit <http://www.korea.pac.dodedodea.edu/schools/joyes> or call 762-5466. These schools serve military and civilian dependent children, pre-kindergarten through 12th grades.

Dependent children of invited contractors are also enrolled when space is available. Dependents of non-command sponsored, MWR/NAF employees are enrolled on a space available basis.

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Charlie Toth, 738-6826

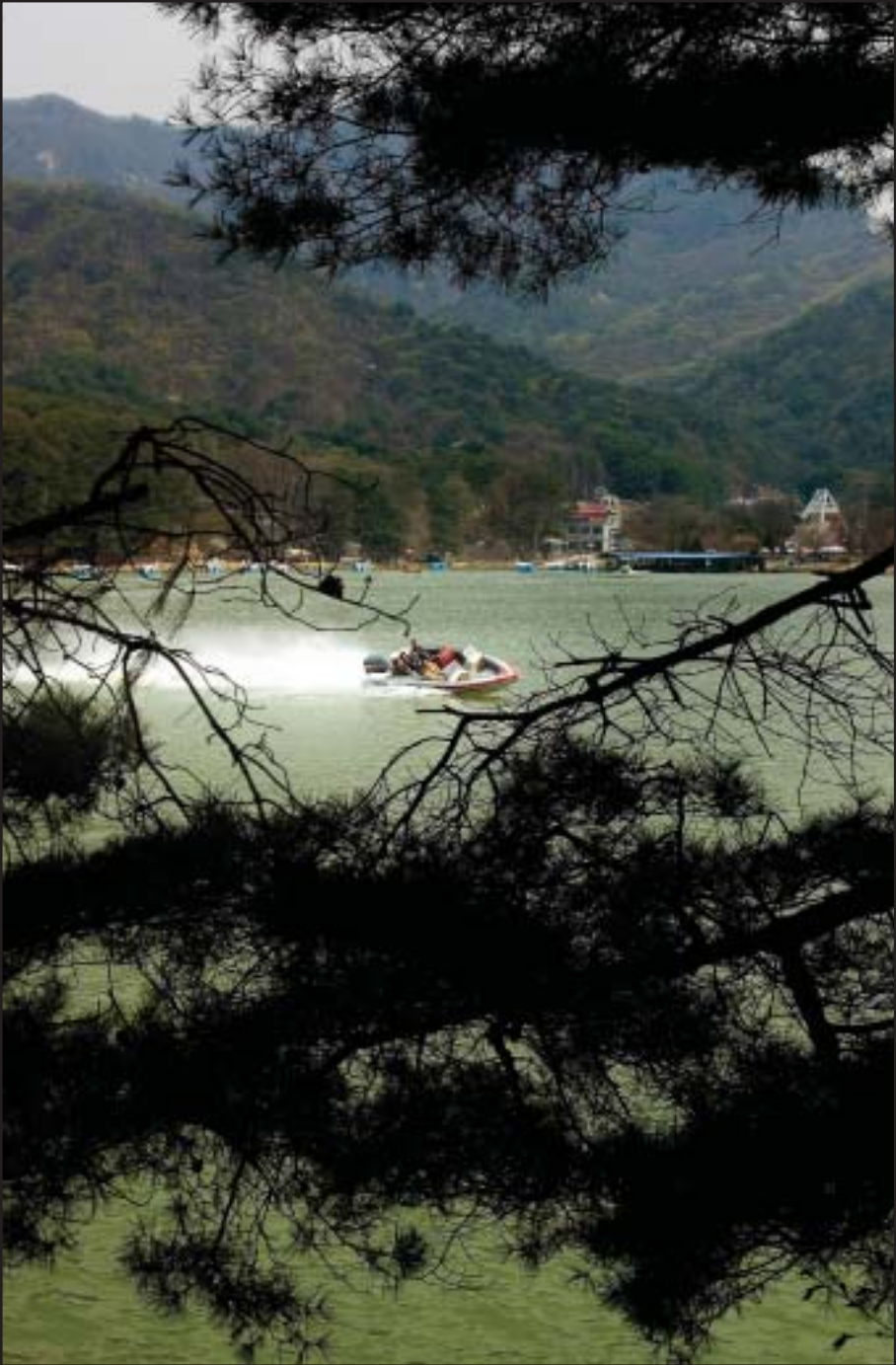
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Tourists take a \$25 ride around Sanjeong Lake, about 30 miles from Uijeongbu.



On weekends the parking lot fills with cars and buses as people explore the lake and trails.

Resort offers summer fun

By David McNally
Area I Public Affairs

SANJEONG LAKE — Not far from Uijeongbu, a tourist resort provides opportunities to enjoy boating, hiking, sightseeing and Korean food.

Sanjeong Lake is nestled in a mountain range near Pocheon.

This well-developed summer destination has restaurants, markets, a modern condominium and hotels.

“I came to see nature and hike around the lake,” said Huh Bong-ja. “Many people came here today because of the good weather.”

A hiking trail around the lake takes visitors past a waterfall and several picturesque bridges.

Duck paddle boats dot the lake during the day as motivated tourists take to the calm lake waters.

Many restaurants serve fresh fish, which bypassers can view in large aquariums.

“We hiked around the lake,” Huh said. She said she also had lunch with her family at a pork barbecue restaurant.

“The children enjoy coming to the amusement park,” she said. “I think there is a lot to do.”

To get to the resort by bus, take a bus to Uncheon, then another bus to the Sanjeong Lake Resort. By car, take Highway 43 past Camp Kyle for about 40 minutes. Follow the signs to the resort.

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A Korean lady sells ginkgo bean snacks at the shoreline.



Visitors crowd the streets.



Children ride the attractions.



A scenic waterfall cascades from Sanjeong Lake above into a pond below.

Welcome to Warrior Country



By Col. Jeff Christiansen
Area I Commander

CAMP RED CLOUD — Area I Support Activity serves U.S. forces along the Korean demilitarized zone.

Our mission-driven vision is to time and again monitor the pulse of and to improve quality of life for each member of our Area I community.

We are located at the "tip of the spear," forwardly deployed against the Korean DMZ. We manage base operations for camps Casey, Hovey, Mobile, Nimble, Castle and Rodriguez Range in the north, and camps Red Cloud, Stanley, Kyle, Sears, Essayons, Falling Water and Jackson in the south.

Since its activation June 12, 1995, the Area I Support Activity has had one focus: To make Korea, through sustained commitment to Soldier quality of life, the assignment of choice.

We strive to accomplish our vision through pro-active conscientious resource allocation and by ensuring

our story is known throughout the Korean and American population.

The 2nd Infantry Division, our primary tenant unit, has the mission to deter war on the Korean peninsula by maintaining a level of readiness not available to adversaries, and to ensure U.S. assistance to the Republic of Korea is "second to none."

Consistent with the history and traditions of the Army, Warrior Country Soldiers remain the centerpiece of our formations.

We strive to remain ever mindful that our Soldiers face real challenges as they find themselves separated from family, friends and loved ones, and immersed in a new culture. Yet, our Soldiers continually face their challenges with dignity and in ways the Army and our country can rightfully be proud.

Whether you are a military member, civilian employee or family member, I look forward to making your acquaintance in Warrior Country.

E-mail christiansenjt@korea.army.mil

Col. Jeff Christiansen, Area I commander, stands at a peak overlooking the training complex at the Korea Training Center.

Camp Casey claims 'warrior ethos'

By Lt. Col. Stephen Murray
U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey Commander

CAMP CASEY — Welcome to the Camp Casey Enclave. As the commander of U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey, I am fully engaged in ensuring our facilities and services provide you with a quality of life commensurate with a 21st century warrior.

Duty here is tough. There are no two ways about it. During your time in Warrior Country, you will be challenged both physically and mentally. You are far from family and friends in a foreign land. Your mission, the defense of the Republic of Korea, will be at the forefront of all your military training. You will be ready to "fight tonight."

To help, we provide you with some of the best training facilities available in the U.S. Lt. Col. Stephen Murray Army today. From the military operations in urban terrain complex at the Korea Training Center, to the numerous ranges and training areas, you will have the tools you need to help you be a better Soldier.

The reward for all the hard work is a support environment that provides you with recreation alternatives, educational opportunities and a good place to live.

Our installations are our flagships. Millions of dollars have been invested in barracks upgrade projects, company and brigade operations centers, and renovations of facilities to serve you every day.

At Camp Casey, for example, you find everything you might expect from a modern U.S. Army installation. Our Army and Air Force Exchange Service Shopping Center Complex is Warrior Country's largest such facility.

Camp Casey has an outstanding golf course, two state-of-the-art physical fitness centers, an outdoor Olympic-size swimming pool and a movie theater. Additionally the only USO Center in Area I is at Camp Casey. I think you will find it's true what they say:



Second Infantry Division Soldiers pass in review to welcome the new commanding general Sept. 17, 2004, at Indianhead Field.

"Camp Casey is the heart of the 2nd Infantry Division."

A prime example of Soldiers coming up with ideas and hard work to make life better is our BOSS program. Our Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers Program brings a wealth of recreation alternatives to the table. I encourage each of you to get involved during your time in Korea.

There are a myriad of other support activities as well. We have an outstanding commissary at Camp Casey. Camp Mobile features the Army Career and Alumni Program office, as well as the area's central issue facility.

I encourage you to get involved in volunteering for the American Red Cross, the USO and Army Community Service. Make a difference during your time in Korea.

At Camp Casey, we are willing to go the extra mile to make your service in Korea memorable and rewarding.

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A 2nd Infantry Division Soldier rappels from a helicopter during air assault training over Camp Casey.

Adventurers explore ancient temple

By David McNally

Area I Public Affairs

The children excitedly gather around the monk as he passes out candy.

The students, from a Dongducheon elementary school, were on a field trip April 22 to Soyosan National Park.

"People visit Soyosan for the scenery," said Chajae Temple Head Monk Do-am. "We have many beautiful waterfalls."

Do-am is one of four monks at the small temple. He said many hikers visit his ancient building as they explore the trails. At lunchtime, the temple staff opens their dining room to strangers. Anybody passing by can get a meal.

Chajaeam, "am" means small temple, has been offering kindness to strangers since a Korean Buddhist monk founded it in A.D. 660.

According to legend, High Priest

Won-hyo went deep into the mountains to pursue Buddhist truth. He settled near Soyosan and built a humble hut.

As the story goes, an "enlightened one" disguised as a beautiful woman who lost her way stopped by Won-hyo's hut to ask him to let her stay overnight.

Won-hyo saw the visit as a test. He had escaped to the mountain after a famous affair with a Princess.

Won-hyo said if someone extinguishes all desires, he could enjoy complete freedom from "vexation and sin." At this, the woman left the hut. Won-hyo continued to meditate and pursue enlightenment.

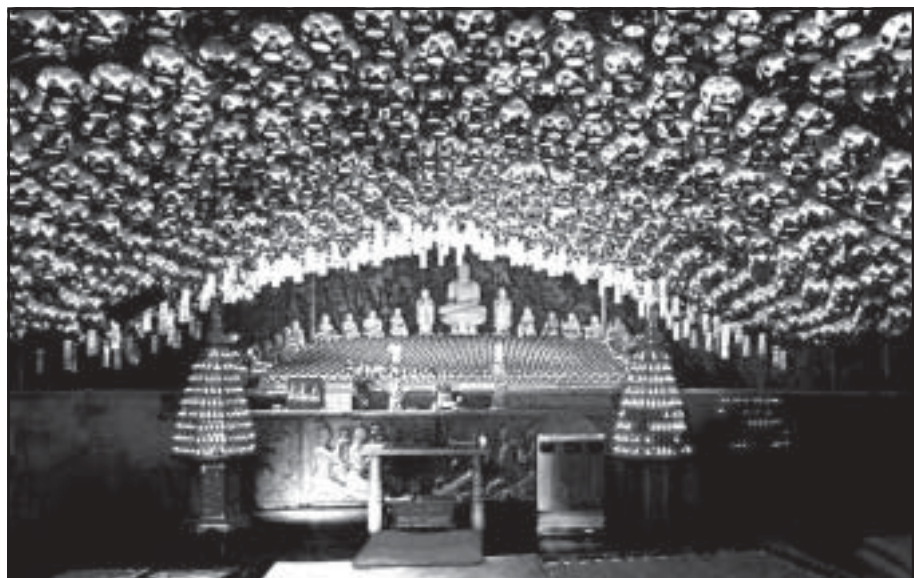
He went on to build Chajaeam, which means temple of freedom.

The temple was destroyed and rebuilt many times over the centuries.

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A mountain cavern covered with lotus lanterns offers a place to meditate and reflect.

High priest Won-hyo founded Chajae Temple in A.D. 660. It has been rebuilt many times.



A small waterfall streams across from the temple.



Head Monk Do-am greets children visiting Soyosan National Park on a field trip April 22.



For Buddhists, lanterns represent light and wisdom.



Stones and statues left by visitors crowd around the foot of a turtle statue.



Many Koreans come to the mountain to gather pure spring water.

Camp Red Cloud shows vision for future

By Lt. Col. William Huber

U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud Commander

CAMP RED CLOUD — Welcome to the U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud. On behalf of the more than 1,500 Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, Korean employees and Korean



Lt. Col. William Huber

Service Corps members, we would like to welcome you to the Uijeongbu Enclave, located in the heart of “Warrior Country.” Our vision is forthright, we see ourselves as future industry leaders, leading the model garrison on the Korean peninsula to provide the best installations and support services for our customers, employees and stakeholders living, working, recreating and training here.

■ We are an organization with values.

■ We are committed to excellence in change, continuous improvement and our customers.

■ We are all members of the Warrior Country family; each worthy of being treated with dignity, respect, integrity and honesty.

■ We are an empowered workforce with an abundance of intellectual capital, focused on always doing things ethically, legally and morally right for our customers, stakeholders and each other.

■ We are committed to learning from and sharing with others.

The garrison consists of eight camps and two remote sites serving an assigned military population of more than 5,000 Soldiers and airmen. Our primary stakeholder is the 2nd Infantry Division.

Additionally, we support hundreds of noncommand sponsored family members, retirees and civilian employees with a variety of services. We partner with Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the Defense Commissary Agency to provide our customers with the best possible standard of living in Korea.

The garrison is dedicated to supporting readiness and well-being. We recognize there are limited resources, and we must prioritize our spending.

We are committed to making Korea “an assignment of choice,” by improving where we live, train, work and recreate.

Examples of well-being improvements include Internet at all camps, a coming



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2nd Infantry Division Soldiers gather June 14, 2004, to celebrate the Army birthday at Camp Stanley.

renovation of Camp Red Cloud’s Mitchell’s Sports Grill, a new Camp Stanley shopping center complex, education center, renovated barracks and community activities center.

The garrison partners with Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers to provide recreational alternatives to our Soldiers.

Regardless if you are a Soldier, airman, civilian employee, retiree or family member, we welcome you to our Warrior Family.

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The community takes advantage of the new Camp Stanley shopping center complex.

GUIDE TO WARRIOR COUNTRY

RODRIGUEZ RANGE
Korea Training Center

CAMP CASEY
Largest U.S. Army installation
in ROK and home to most of
the 2nd Infantry Division

CAMP CASTLE
2nd Engineer Battalion

CAMP HOVEY
2nd Infantry Division
Heavy Brigade Combat Team

DONGDUCHEON

CAMP MOBILE
CIF and ACAP

CAMP NIMBLE
702nd Main Support Battalion

AREA I SUPPORT ACTIVITY
MANAGES ALL WARRIOR
COUNTRY INSTALLATIONS



CAMP RED CLOUD
Headquarters, 2nd Infantry Division
122nd Signal Battalion

CAMP STANLEY
2nd Infantry Division
Aviation Brigade
Division Artillery

CAMP ESSAYONS
102nd Military Intelligence
Battalion

UIJEONGBU

CAMP SEARS
5th Battalion, 5th Air
Defense Artillery
Property Book Office

CAMP FALLING WATER
Directorate of Public Works

CAMP KYLE
61st Maintenance Company

CAMP JACKSON
8th U.S. Army NCO Academy

SEOUL





Welcome to Area II: "THE Assignment of Choice in Korea"

By Col. Timothy K. McNulty

Commander, Area II Support Activity

YONGSAN — Welcome to Area II, "THE Assignment of Choice in Korea."

You may feel awkward or uneasy at the thought of living in a strange land at first, but there's nothing to worry about. Soon, you will learn



Col. Timothy K. McNulty

about Korea and its exotic surroundings. The idea of learning and experiencing a new culture will hopefully excite you. Even if you've been here before, this will be a great opportunity to refresh your memory and learn about the many changes that have taken place in recent years.

Before I go any further, I would like to tell you about our new Area II Support Activity Web site: <http://ima.korea.army.mil/area2/sites/local/>. Our new Web site contains great information about military and family services, as well as contact information of Area II service directors. Additionally, for those newcomers to the Republic of Korea, you can find information to help you in your transition at: <http://www.afsckorea.org/survivor/survivor2004/survivor.html>.

All Soldiers assigned to Korea will initially process through the 1st Replacement Company located here on Yongsan Garrison, South Post. For Soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines assigned to Area II ... I welcome you. You are a valued member of our team here at Yongsan Garrison and while you are here, I invite you to take advantage of the services and facilities we provide for our diverse community.

I also extend a hearty welcome to our Department of Defense civilians, Department of State employees, contractors, teachers and family members. Please take advantage of our services and facilities and what we have to offer here in Area II.

For me personally, I have been so

impressed with your community involvement and dedication to enhance the quality of life for all.

Korea's rich history

Korea is proud of its 5,000 years of recorded civilization and Seoul has been the center of the last dynasty, the Yi Dynasty, which ruled for more than 500 years. While Korea is an ancient nation with thousands of years of customs and traditions, you will soon realize it is a dynamic nation which has become the 11th largest trading nation in the world and the seventh largest trading nation with the United States. Additionally, Korea is the number one nation in ship building, the fifth largest producer of automobiles and the largest producer of memory chips in the world.

The congested traffic on the roadways, and the crowds of people on the buses and subways will quickly tell you — you are in the middle of a thriving metropolis ... one of the largest and most populated cities in the world.

Be this your first visit to Korea or not, your new assignment to the "Land of the Morning Calm" will usher in a rush of information about everything you touch or that touches you.

Command information channels

Should you stay in the Dragon Hill Lodge during processing or become assigned within Area II and get quarters on post, then I highly encourage you to tune in to our Commander's Access Channel 3. We broadcast information 24 hours a day, seven days a week, about Area II

community activities and events. You can also tune in to American Forces Network-Korea TV and radio. Watch our very own local news on Channel 12 at 6:30 and 10 p.m. weeknights and listen to broadcasts on AFN radio, 1530 Thunder AM or 102.7 Eagle FM, to keep abreast of local happenings.

You can also find out what is happening in our peninsula-wide publication, "The Morning Calm Weekly," which list activities and events that enhance your quality of life.

Interactive Customer Evaluation system ... ICE

We are determined to make Area II "THE Assignment of Choice" for all Area II residents, but we need your help and input to make that happen.

Because getting feedback from you is important, I have taken steps to reinvigorate and redesign one tool that we use to get feedback from you — the Interactive Customer Evaluation system, or ICE. This user-friendly, web-based customer comment card system replaces the traditional customer comment card. You can access ICE either through one of the many terminals located throughout Area II, including the Defense Commissary Agency, Army and Air Force Exchange Services, Collier Gym, and 121 General Hospital.

Additionally, you can access ICE at our new Area II Web site through your computer at work or home (<http://ice.disa.mil/>).

Here's what has changed. The list

of service providers has been updated to include our directors and senior managers to ensure that when you send an ICE comment, it is handled directly by someone who is in the position to take corrective action and get back to you with an answer quickly. Individual service providers are also modifying the questions on the Web site in order to better understand what's important to you and how well we have delivered the service. In turn, we will closely monitor trends in customer feedback to determine activities that are highly valued by customers.

However, I need your help in a few areas. When you receive a service that makes you happy, send us a comment. We do a lot of good things in Area II, but never hear back from our customers. Positive and negative feedback is important to us.

Got a good idea and don't know how to get it to me? Send it through ICE. When you receive a service that could use some improvement, we need to know specifically what needs to improve and how we can contact you to get more information. Our biggest constraint in making changes is the lack of specific information — customers tell us they are unhappy, but don't provide enough specific information for my managers to make improvements. So leaving your name and contact information will help us improve service to you, as well as for others.

Again, I encourage every military, civilian, contractor and family member to take an active role in improving the delivery of our programs. ICE is a great way to let us know how we are doing and giving us suggestions for improvement. Our commitment is to continually improve quality of life for you in Area II and Yongsan, and to make this "THE Assignment of Choice in Korea."

I hope you are as excited about coming to Area II as we are having you here. I hope this welcome guide will help you learn about Area II and serve as an introduction to this fascinating nation and the adventures that await you.



Getting Around Seoul



Public transportation on and off Area II installations is convenient and available seven days a week. The Area II Transportation Division and Installation Transportation Office provides shuttle buses, to include Department of Defense Dependents School bus service within Area II installations and contract buses that run to outlying installations, such as Osan Air Base K-16 and camps Red Cloud, Casey, Humphreys and Long. The ITO is also responsible for driver testing and licensing for Army motor vehicles, privately owned vehicles and motorcycles of assigned Area II personnel and authorized family members. Listed below are some of the conveyances within the Seoul area to include U.S. installations.

Taxi

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service operates about 100 taxis within Area II. AAFES taxis are the only authorized taxis on Area II installations. AAFES taxis all have "AAFES" clearly written on the cabs. The taxis operate from 6 a.m. to midnight daily. They are available at many high traffic areas like the PX and Dragon Hill Lodge. You can also get a taxi within about 10 minutes by calling 738-5113/5114/5115.

Another alternative is using off-post taxis. Based on the type taxi you hail, the fares will vary. These taxis are not authorized on any U.S. Installation in Area II.

Subway

The subway is the most efficient and convenient way for foreigners to get around Seoul. Station names, ticket counters and transfer signs are all clearly marked in English, as well as the Korean language. The different routes are color-coded, and all trains have announcements in English and Korean. The subway systems are air-conditioned, have automatic ticket-dispensers and convenient bus connections. Fares are inexpensive, but do vary according to the distance traveled. A convenient guide is available at all subway stations and is published in English. The pamphlet shows

subway routes for all nine lines in and around Seoul and a map of the major Korean subway lines in other cities. Seven subway stations are located around the Yongsan Post and Hannam Village:

- SookMyung Women's University Station (Line #4, Blue Line) is near Gates 1, 20 and Camp Kim.
- Samgakchi Station (Line #4, Blue Line and Line #6, Orange Line) is near Gates 1, 5, 10 and Camp Kim.
- Ichon Station (Line #4, Blue Line and National Railroad, Gray Line) is right next to Gate 17
- Shinyongsan Station (Line #4, Blue Line) is near Gate 19.
- Noksapyeong Station (Line #6, Brown Line) is near Gates 5, 7, 8 and 10.
- Sobingo Station (National Railroad, Gray Line) is near Sobingo Compound, south from Gate 37.
- Hannam Station (National Railroad, Gray Line) is located about 500 meters south of Hannam Village and is on the riverside near the Hannam Bridge.

Bus

The Seoul city bus system has undergone new renovations in July 2004. With a new bus numbering system and new routes, it has been changed to provide easier information about where it is heading. Bus and subway fares now go by a new fare system called "Distance-based system." The fees differ depending on the distance traveled.

For instance, under the new fare system passengers who use the bus and subway will be charged a base fare of 800 won for 12 kilometers (seven miles); 100 won will be charged for each additional six kilometers (four miles).

What's more, under the new fare system, passengers will not be required to pay an additional fare for each time they transfer from bus to subway or vice versa.

T-money

To qualify for fare discounts passengers need a prepaid transportation card, better known as "T-money".

T-money cards can be purchased and refilled at news stands and kiosks at most bus stops.

Another option is to go directly to the subway station ticket window, or use the automated refilling machines

located at each subway station, to purchase and refill the "T-money" card.

The cost of the "T-money" card is 1,500 won and can be charged with as much money as one wishes upon purchase. Students aged 14 to 19 receive a 20 percent subway fare discount when using the transportation card. Children aged 8 to 13 receive a 50-percent discount.

Bus Coding

Buses also have been given a new coat of paint in red, yellow, blue and green colors, symbolizing the routes and areas where they operate.

■ Red buses go to the outskirts of the city linking downtown Seoul area and major sub centers such as Bundang and Sunnam.

■ Yellow buses serve as a circular line running along the circular belt roads in downtown or sub centers.

■ Blue buses operate on major roads such as Dobongno and Gangnamdaero traveling between the major areas of the city.

■ Green buses branch out from other lines serving the routes between subway stations and residential areas.

Passengers, to include foreigners, can easily identify the starting point and the destination of a bus at a single glance.

The principle behind the new number code is dividing the area of Seoul into eight zones. The first two digits of the bus number show where the bus departed from and where it arrives at and the next two are used to identify the bus.

Driver's License

U.S. Forces Korea personnel who wish to drive privately-owned vehicles must have a USFK driver's license. Active duty military personnel, civilian employees and family members age 18 or older are required to take a written test to receive a USFK driver's license. Military personnel are issued a USFK driver's license for two years, while DoD civilians are issued a five-year license.

Family members age 16 and older may obtain a learner's permit. This is good for driving only during daylight hours on military installations while accompanied by a licensed driver.

Vehicle Registration

All USFK personnel located in Area I and II who have SOFA status and own a POV must register their vehicle. All personnel must be in the grade of E-7 or above, civilian equivalent, command sponsored or joint domicile with orders authorizing a POV. For more information, call 724-7211 or 6363 or visit vehicle registration, located next to the USO and PX Garage at Camp Kim across from Yongsan's Gate One. Military Personnel operating a POV routinely in Area I must have an "Exception to Policy."

The Pass & ID Office also handles all requests for Area II post access passes, including employee passes. In order to sponsor an employee for a pass, the requester must be in the grade of O-6 or above, submit a USFK Form 82, a justification memorandum, and a copy of the Korean identification card or passport to the Area II Support Activity for approval.

For information, go to <http://english.seoul.go.kr/>



FILE PHOTO
Seoul Tower is visible from almost anywhere in Seoul.



Blue Bus (Main Line)
Rapid inter-regional transportation along main lines

Three Digit Number: **1 0 1**

Departure Zone + Arrival Zone + Consecutive Numbers (0-9)



Green Bus (Branch Line)
Linking main lines and subway trains inside a region

Four Digit Number: **1 2 1 1**

Departure Zone + Arrival Zone + Consecutive Numbers (11-99)



Red Bus (Wide Area Line)
Rapid transportation between metropolitan areas and cities in Gyeonggi Province

Four Digit Number: **9 1 0 1**

9 (Wide Area Number) + Departure Zone + Consecutive Zone (00-99)



Yellow Bus (Circular Line)
Circular line transportation inside urban centers and metropolitan subcenters

Two Digit Number: **0 1**

Zone Numbers (0-7) + Consecutive Numbers (1-9)

Bus fare

Type of Bus	Type of passenger	Fare (when using Transportation Card)
Blue Bus Yellow Bus	Adults (over 20)	800 won
	Students (14 to 19) Children (8-13)	400 won
Green Bus	Adults (over 20)	200 won
	Students (14 to 19) Children (8-13)	100 won
Express Bus	Adults (over 20)	1,400 won
	Students (14 to 19)	1,120 won

For more information, please contact the Transportation Planning Division (transp@seoul.go.kr / +82-2-6321-4318)

Subway fare

Type of passenger	Fare (when using transportation card)
Adults (over 20)	Inside Seoul Less 12km : 800 won 12km - 42km : extra 100 won for additional 30km over 42km : extra 100 won for additional 12km
	Outside Seoul Less 10km : 800 won 10km - 35km : extra 100 won for additional 5km over 35km : extra 100 won for additional 10km
Students (14 to 19)	20% discount (840 won)
Children (8-13)	50% discount (400 won)
Senior members The handicapped & Men of national merit	100% discount (Free)





Area II staff is here to serve

Law & Order Office

The Law & Order office manages base passes, rations control cards and handles all civilian misconduct. They are located in Area II Support Activity Headquarters, Building 4305, Room 105 on South Post, adjacent to the Installation Management Agency Headquarters Building. For information on base passes and civilian misconduct, call 738-4361 or commercial 02-7918-4361. For information on ration control cards, call 738-4612 or commercial 02-7918-4612. Web site address: <http://ima.korea.army.mil/area2/sites/specialstaff/law.asp>.

The 121st General Hospital

The mission of 121st General Hospital is to provide primary care, inpatient and outpatient specialty care and ancillary services to authorized beneficiaries. Not only does it provide emergency care, it supports the mission by providing various health and quality of life improvement plans. The 121st General Hospital is located on South Post, in the vicinity of Collier Field House. For information, call 737-3155 or commercial 02-7917-3155. For emergency care, call 737-5450. Web site address: <http://www.seoul.amedd.army.mil/>.

Military retirement services

The Osan Air Base Retiree Activities Office is the only post-retirement service office in Korea. The office serves military retirees of all services, as well as their dependents and survivors throughout the Republic of Korea. The office is manned by a volunteer director and operates Mon., Thur. and Fri., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, call 784-1441 or Commercial 031-661-1441 or e-mail: retact@osan.af.mil. Go to their Web site at: <http://www.rao-osan.com/>.

Legal Assistance

The Yongsan Legal Assistance Office provides eligible legal assistance clients with sound, professional legal services in an ethical, timely, and courteous manner. They are located

in Building 4329 on South Post. If you wish to consult with an attorney, call 738-6841 to set up an appointment. Notaries and powers of attorney can be done on a walk-in basis during normal operating hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 4

Primary responsibilities include preparing communications strategies, media relations and overseeing the Area II section of the Morning Calm Weekly, "Greater Seoul." For information, call 738-7354 or go to the new Area II Support Activity Web site: <http://ima.korea.army.mil/area2/>

education and community outreach programs. For information, call 738-3011. Web site address: <http://ima.korea.army.mil/area2/sites/specialstaff/religious.asp>.

Dragon Hill Lodge

Dragon Hill Lodge, located on Yongsan's South Post, makes it easy for people enjoying their free time or arriving or preparing to leave Korea. The 394-guestroom hotel provides a comfortable stay which includes a full service fitness center and pool, laundry facilities, restaurants and lounges, in-room kitchenettes, television, internet access, dvd/vcr players, a PX with video rentals, and a shopping mini mall. Dragon Hill Lodge is known for its central location in Seoul and affordability. Should space not be available at the Dragon Hill Lodge, ask the staff about its room referral program at any one of four- and five-star hotels located nearby the post. For information, call 738-2222 or go to: <https://www.dragonhilllodge.com/main.html>.

Education Services

The Yongsan Army Education Center in Area II is committed through its many educational programs to promote lifelong learning opportunities, contribute to professional growth, career enhancement and self-development of a multi-service community. Post-secondary courses are offered through University of Maryland, Central Texas College, University of Oklahoma, University of Phoenix, and Troy University. They are located in Building 2212, Main Post, above the Post Office. For information, call 723-4290.

Army Community Service

The Army Community Service will assist commanders in maintaining readiness of individuals, families, and communities within America's Army by developing, coordinating, and delivering services which promote self-reliance, resiliency and stability during war and peace. ACS is located in Building 4106 on South Post, adjacent to the Dragon Hill Lodge. For information, call 738-7505 or commercial 02-7918-7505.



p.m. Friday. Web site address: <https://www.eusa-4.korea.army.mil/Sja/>.

sites/local/.

Equal Employment Opportunities

The Equal Employment Opportunity office administers and manages the federal civil rights program. Support encompasses service to civilian employees and managers, as well as military managers who are in the chain of supervising civilian employees and assigned to host and tenant activities throughout the region. For information, call 738-4473.

Public Affairs Office


The Area II Support Activity Public Affairs Office is the command's primary point of contact for news media, organizations and the general public seeking information about programs and policies. The public affairs office provides both external (host nation) and internal communications (base personnel).

Installation Safety Office

The Area II Installation Safety Office manages and maintains a safety program that reduces and/or eliminates hazards associated with facilities, personnel operations, or activities that could cause accidents or mishaps which may lead to personal or property damage. In addition, the safety office advises the commander and division managers on all matters concerning safety, conducts accident investigations, implements safety program campaigns, conducts facility and program safety inspections, works closely with other agencies and conducts safety training. For information, call 738-4643.

Religious Support Program:

The Area II Religious Support Program manages all unit ministry teams, pastoral care, family enrichment programs and religious

	Commissary	AAFES Post Exchange	Physical Fitness Center	Theater	Arts & Craft Center	AAFES Shoppette	Multipurpose Field	Softball complex	Outdoor Swimming Pool	Indoor Swimming Pool	Community Activity Center	Library	Education Center	MWR Club	AAFES Bookmark	Mini Mall	Bowling Center	Golf Course (Sungnam)	Internet (Barracks)	Internet Cafe	New Car Sales	Pear Blossom Cottage	KATUSA Snack Bar	Snack Bar/Burger Bar	Military Clothing Sales Store	USO	Post Office
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Yongsan Pet Care Center cares for furry 'family members'

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN — Bringing a pet to Korea may pose some logistical problems for the owner, but Area II offers a solution for those personnel authorized to bring a pet to Korea.



Korean law requires that pets entering the Republic of Korea be vaccinated against rabies. Documentation must be provided to show that vaccination is more than 30 days old, but not over one year old.

If a pet arrives in Korea with a Rabies vaccination less than 30 days old, the pet will be quarantined at port of entry or may be held in quarantine at the Pet Care Center on Yongsan Garrison, South Post.

The Pet Care Center is authorized to retrieve the pet accompanied by the pet owner for transfer to the Pet Care Center for quarantine of the pet. When the quarantine period is over the pet owner can pick up their pet from the Pet Care Center.

Required documents

To transfer the pet from Incheon to Yongsan, the owner must provide the following documentation to the Incheon Quarantine office:

- Three copies of the Animal Quarantine Form USFK 147EK
- One copy of the owner's Travel Order
- Original rabies shot record.

If the owner is unable to pick up their pet and would like to have the Pet Care Center pick up the animal, then they must provide the above documentation, along with a copy of a signed and notarized Power of Attorney. Check with the Pet Care Center for information concerning the related costs for transportation and service charge.

If a pet owner needs assistance from the Yongsan Pet Care Center to help deliver their pet to the Incheon International Airport for departure from Korea, they will need to make an appointment three days in advance during normal operating hours.

The service fee to transport one animal to or from the Incheon International Airport is \$80 and \$10 for each additional animal, plus 12,000 Won for the round-trip Expressway toll fee.

The Pet Care Center also provides the following services:

■ Pet Grooming Service: S-\$30; M-\$40; Large-\$50; X-Large-\$60

■ Shampoo Only: S-\$15; M-\$20; L-\$25; X-Large-\$30

■ Cleaning of ears and/or toenail clipping: \$10 for each pet

■ Boarding cost per day:
Cats \$10 (all sizes)

Dogs Small \$10 (12" or less)
Medium \$15 (20" to 23")
Large \$20 (24" to 28")
X-Large \$25 (29" and above shoulder height)

The Pet Care Center operating hours are 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturdays; closed, Sunday and Korean holidays. For information, call 736-6426.

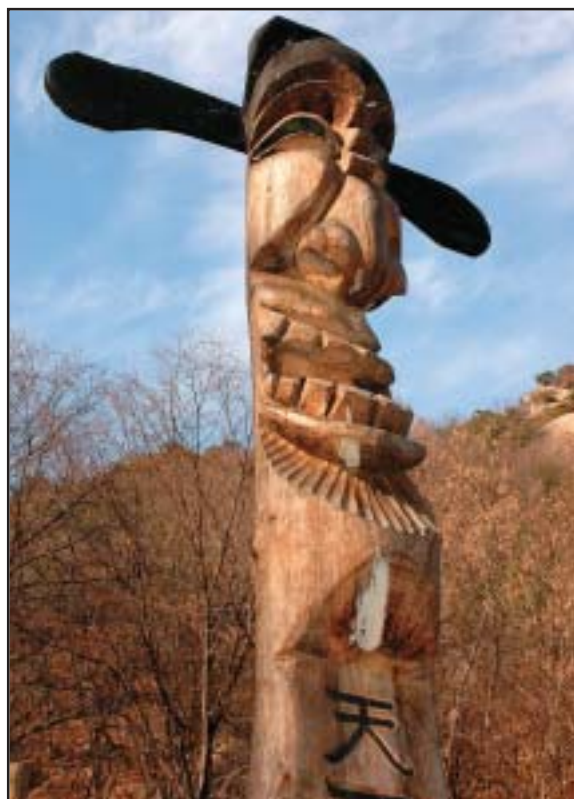


FILE PHOTOS

Above: The Pet Care Center on Yongsan Garrison, South Post, offers boarding service for pets of U.S. Forces Korea personnel, civilian employees and contractors.

Right: Kim Jin Young, a groomer at the Pet Care Center on Yongsan, checks the ears of an animal in the center's care.





David McNally

A "changseung," a milepost or guardian for a village, stands guard at the entrance to Mount Sureok.



David McNally

Gyeongbok Palace is one of five Joseon Dynasty palaces in Seoul.

WELCOME TO KOREA



Spc. Stephanie Pearson

Steps lead to Pulguksa, Korea's most famous Buddhist temple at Gyeongju.



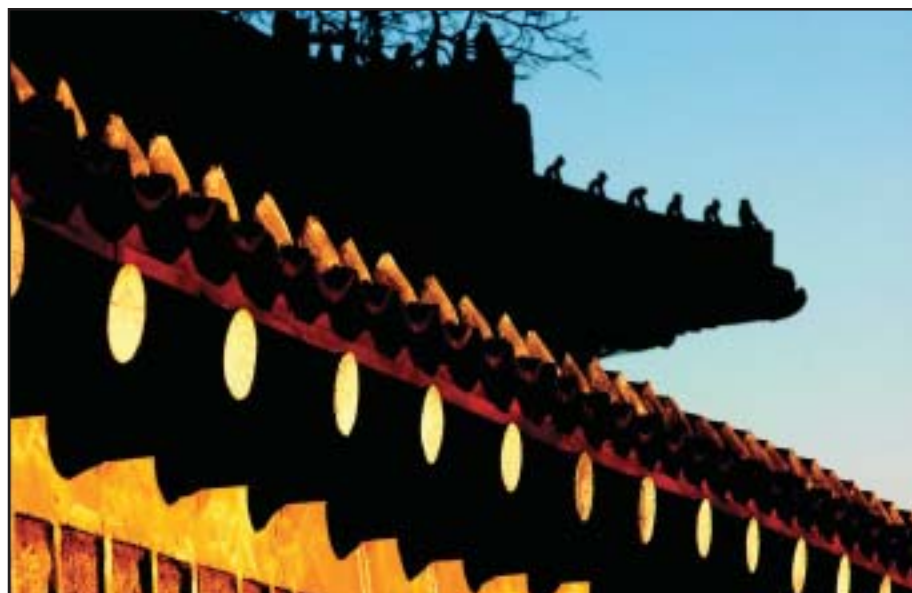
Spc. Stephanie Pearson

The Korean Folk Village near Yongin gives visitors a glimpse of the history of the people, their culture and land.



David McNally

A view of Seoul from the northern mountain range shows the magnitude of the city.



David McNally

The Changdeok Palace gate stands as a testament to Korea's royal past.



Pvc. Seo Ki-Chul

The Seoul Tower provides a breathtaking panorama of the capital.



Photo Illustration by Spc. Stephanie Pearson

A man performs a traditional song during a Korean Folk Village presentation.



Spc. Stephanie Pearson

A Korean woman wearing a traditional "hanbok" dress performs the famous fan dance.



David McNally

Yongmiri Buddha statues are carved into the rock face at Yongam Temple near Paju.



David McNally

English speakers gather at Changdeok Palace during a guided tour.



David McNally

Cherry blossoms unfold across the Korean peninsula every April.



David McNally

Kimchi is a side dish served with almost every meal in Korea.



Spc. Stephanie Pearson

Jeju Island's coast offers scenes from its volcanic origins.

18th MEDCOM ready, able to care for USFK

18th Medical Command Public Affairs

The staff of the 18th Medical Command welcomes you to Korea. The mission of the 18th MEDCOM is to provide a comprehensive system of Theater Health Support to all supported forces throughout the Korean Theater of Operations. THS equals Armistice Health Support plus Combat Health Support.

To accomplish its varied and complex missions, the 18th MEDCOM has many subordinate organizations, which include:

— 121st General Hospital which provides hospitalization, surgical services, intensive care and specialty care including:

- Internal Medicine
- Orthopedics
- OB/GYN
- Pediatrics
- Family Practice
- General Surgery
- Physical & Occupational Therapy
- Dermatology
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- EENT
- Ophthalmology
- Optometry
- EFMP
- Mental Health Services

— 168th Area Support Medical Battalion, which provides theater area support with primary care and preventive

medicine services at 13 separate locations.

— 618th Dental Company provides theater dental support at 14 separate locations.

— 106th Medical Detachment (Veterinary Services) performs the dual mission of food inspection and animal patient care.

— 52nd Medical Battalion provides air and ground evacuation, until May 15, when they will provide just ground evacuation and air evacuation coordination due to transformation. Air evacuation will be provided by the Multi-Functional Aviation Battalion.

— 16th Medical Logistics Battalion provides all medical supplies for the theater including blood, medical maintenance and optical fabrication.

— 127th and 135th Forward Surgical Teams provide initial resuscitative surgery in the maneuver brigade's area of operations.

Upon arrival at the 1st Replacement Company, 18th MEDCOM personnel will assist you with the medical portion of your inprocessing. We will provide information pertinent to obtaining health care while you are assigned to Korea. The 18th MEDCOM operates several troop medical clinics and primary care clinics in Korea.

If you are on an accompanied tour, our personnel will also assist you in getting your family members enrolled in

TRICARE, and assigned to a Primary Care Manager and primary care clinic. We recommend you have school and sports physicals completed before arriving in Korea due to the limited number of providers during summer transition.

In addition, 18th MEDCOM currently maintains partnerships with 14 state-of-the-art Korean hospitals. These hospitals feature American educated and trained specialists, as well as English speaking staff members to assist American personnel and offer a wide array of services to those serving throughout the Korean peninsula.

For information, call 737-3085, (commercial 011-822-7917-3085), or visit our Web site at <https://www.seoul.amedd.army.mil/>.

TRICARE in Korea

Soldiers assigned to Area II, III, IV will receive a TRICARE information brief during their initial inprocessing at the 1st Replacement Center. During this brief, your healthcare benefits and your responsibilities will be explained. The most important responsibility you have is to enroll yourself and your family. To ensure you get the most out of your TRICARE benefit everyone must be enrolled in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Standard. All active-duty servicemembers will be enrolled as TRICARE Prime. In addition, we must have an accurate address to

ensure we assign you and your family members to the correct medical clinic/service region. All active-duty family members must be screened for the Exceptional Family Member Program. The TRICARE Service Center, 18th MEDCOM, can help you with all your healthcare benefit and enrollment questions. Contact us at 736-8558/7236 or visit the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil.

The TRICARE Dental Program-OCONUS is available for active-duty family members in Korea.

Dental Services

The 618th Dental Company offers general dental services at 11 dental clinics throughout Korea. Active-duty servicemembers receive care through the assigned dental clinic for their unit. Active duty family members, outside the Yongsan area, should check with their spouse's assigned dental clinic for general dental service treatment guidance.

In Yongsan, active-duty family members (ages 13 and older) may obtain routine care at Dental Clinic #2, Bldg. # 5107, and children (ages 12 and under) are treated at Dental Clinic #3, Bldg. #3576. Both clinics are on South Post. Limited specialty care is available in Yongsan.

For appointments at DC #2, call 736-4779 and for appointments at DC #3, call 736-5221.

Korean culture and language

Korea has a long, rich culture dating back thousands of years. It is an Asian nation whose culture, customs and language are very much different than those found back in your hometown in America.

This column is written to give you an overview of the culture and how your tour in Korea can be even more enjoyable by learning and getting out to see what is offered here in the "Land of the Morning Calm."

But first, there are some things that you must know for basic survival. The importance of speaking a little Korean, even knowing how to say something as simple as "hello," will help both you and your Korean associate feel more comfortable. This might even result in a little more of a discount when bartering with local merchants.

"Ahn-nyoung-hah-sae-yo?" is used to say good morning, good afternoon or good evening. It is a polite way to say hello and the most common greeting in Korean. Many more helpful expressions are listed at the adjoining column. Take a little time to learn a few of them and most Koreans will more eagerly receive you when they see that you've made an effort to learn some of their language.

Many Koreans do speak some English. In fact, English is one of the two mandatory foreign languages taught in the public schools, the other is a variation of Chinese that has been used traditionally by Koreans when writing proper nouns such as names. Don't be surprised when you hear a group of students laugh and say "hello" in English while walking past you. The laughter is one way that Koreans deal with shyness or embarrassment and is not at all meant to be demeaning to Americans. One more thing about speaking English with Koreans is that negative tag questions are often answered with an opposite reply than expected. For example Americans might say, "You like me, don't you?" Many Koreans would answer "No, I do like you." The best advice is to phrase your questions simply until you get to know your Korean associate better.

The nucleus of Korean society is the family. Education is stressed at home from a very early age. Most children not only go to school but also spend four to six hours a day with tutors or at an academy that reinforces their current studies. Parents often work long arduous hours in support of their children's education. This is perhaps why Korea has one of the highest literacy rates in the world. According to the Korean Ministry of Education it stands at 98 percent.

Within the family is a hierarchy that is based upon age and standing. Elders

warrant the utmost in respect from those younger. It is customary for children to bow to their parents and grandparents regardless of how old the children might be. This same degree of respect is also given to deceased family members through ceremonies on certain holidays and anniversaries.

Children typically don't leave their parent's home until marriage. For a man it's usually in his early 30s and for women mid-20s. Marriage is not necessarily a matter of choice between the couple being wed. Traditionally there are many considerations, some of which include family and educational background. Matchmakers are often consulted to arrange for meetings between the parents and prospective couple, more often than not the couple ends up marrying. Once married the parents of the bride lose a daughter as she now has become a part of her husband's family and is expected to be ingratiating to her parents-in-law at all times.

If you've heard anything at all about Korea, then the word "kimchi" probably comes to mind. Kimchi is a spicy dish that is made with cabbage, turnip or cucumbers and is a staple food, like rice that is a part of every meal. It also has an aroma that is all its own! Try it, you might just be surprised at how good it actually tastes. Another Korean dish popular with westerners is bulgogi. It is marinated beef cooked over hot coals right there at your table. Overall, the Korean cuisine offers a unique dining experience with its many side dishes, robust flavors and colorful presentation.

In Korea it is not uncommon, nor impolite to ask someone's age. Unlike many western nations where one's age is often considered as some kind of classified secret available only to those with a need to know! So don't be offended if a Korean asks you your age, it is not meant to invade your privacy.

There is a lot more to learn about Korean customs and courtesies, and the best way to know about your host nation is by getting out and becoming a part of it. Visit the local markets, teach English as a volunteer, work with one of the many orphanages or go on a tour. Don't miss this opportunity during your tour to visit Korea from outside the gates of your installation. Ahn-nyoung-hee gah-sae-yo. Oh, and take a buddy!

(Editors note: Information for this article was submitted by Kwon, Min-sook a volunteer who writes the weekly "Learn Korean Easily" column found in the Morning Calm.)

Learn Korean Easily



Language Instructor
Kwon, Min Sook

				Double Consonants		Single Vowels						
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This is how you combine consonants and vowels.

미국 ㅁ : m, ㅣ : ee / ㅍ : g, ㅍ : oo, ㅍ : g 'mee goog' America
한국 ㅎ : h, ㅏ : ah, ㅏ : in / ㅍ : g, ㅍ : oo, ㅍ : g 'hahn goog' Korea

If you like others, you will be liked by them.

저는 당신을 좋아합니다. *joe-nuen dahng-seen-uel joh-ah-hahm-nee-dah.* I like you.

저도 당신을 좋아합니다. *joe-doh dahng-seen-uel joh-ah-hahm-nee-dah* I like you, too.

Greetings and Introduction

안녕하세요?
(The answer is the same.) *ahn-nyoung-hah-sae-yo?* How do you do?, How are you?, Hi., Hello., Good morning., Good afternoon., Good evening.
성함이 뭐세요? *soeng-hahm-ee mwoe-sae-yo?* May I have your name, please?

저는 (name) 입니다. *joe-nuen (name) eem-nee-dah.* My name is (name).

고향이 어디세요? *goh-hyahng-ee oe-dee-sae-yo?* Where is your hometown?

제 고향은 (place) 입니다. *jae goh-hyang-uen (place) eem-nee-dah.* My hometown is (place).

취미가 뭐세요? *chwee-mee-gah mwoe-sae-yo?* What is your hobby?

제 취미는 독서입니다. *jae chwee-mee-nuen dohg-soe-eem-nee-dah.* My hobby is reading.

To the taxi driver

(용산 미팔교) 갑시다. *(Yongsan mee-pahl-goong) gahb-see-dah.* "Please take me to (8th U.S. Army Base in Yongsan)."

* (미 대사관) *(mee dae-sah-kwahng);* (U.S. Embassy)

* (인천 국제공항) *(Incheon goong-jae gohng-hahng)* (Incheon International Airport)

Emergency words on the street

가까운 (화장실) *gah-ggah-oon (hwah-jahng-seel) oe-dee-yae-yo?* "Where is the nearest (restroom)?"

* (전 철 역) *(joen-choel-yoeg)* (subway station)

* (경찰 서) *(gyoung-chahl-soe)* (police station)

Needing things from Koreans

(콜라) 주세요 *(cola) joo-sae-yo.* "Please give me (cola)."

* (잔 돈) *(jahn-dohn)* (small money)

* (군 만 두) *(goon-mahn-doo)* (fried mahndoo)

Using others' things

(전화) 좀 써도 될까요? *(joen-hwah) johm soe-doh dwael-ggah-yo?* "May I use your (telephone), please?"

* (볼 펜) *(bohl-pen)* (ball-point pen)

* (사무실) *(sah-moo-seel)* (office)

Important Tips

실례 합니다. *seel-lyae hahm-nee-dah.* Excuse me.

도와 주세요. *doh-wah joo-sae-yo.* Please help me out.

죄송 합니다. *jvae-sohng hahm-nee-dah.* I am sorry.

감사 합니다. *gahm-sah hahm-nee-dah.* Thank you very much.

천만에요. *choen-mahn-ae-yo.* You're welcome.

Pronounce vowels carefully; 'oe', and 'ah'

멋있어요. *moe-see-soe-yo.* You look nice.

맛있어요. *mah-see-soe-yo.* It is delicious.

'ah' and 'yae' 'gah' means 'to go' and 'gyae' means 'to stay'.

안녕히 가세요. *ahn-nyoung-hee gah-sae-yo.* Good bye. (host says to guest)

안녕히 계세요. *ahn-nyoung-hee gyae-sae-yo.* Good bye. (guest says to host)

Area III, the place to be

Area III Public Affairs Office

Welcome to Area III. You have drawn an assignment to not only the best area in the Republic of Korea, but to one of the best in the Army. Area III is diverse and offers something for everyone – Soldier, civilian employee, family member and contractor.

Area III is committed to providing world-class base operations support to tenant commanders and the community. This support runs the gamut between keeping the lights on and the water running to standing up life support areas during exercises and providing crisis management in the event of natural or man-made disasters.

Area III is keeping pace with the transformation of the Army as a fighting force and U.S. Forces Korea plans to create the largest Army installation on the peninsula at Camp Humphreys. To that end, the Multi-Function Aviation Brigade will soon be activated to concentrate air assets that were previously assigned to several commands under one command.

As USFK looks forward to returning Yongsan Garrison to the Republic of Korea, a USFK headquarters advance element is now established and working issues with the city of Pyeongtaek and Gyeonggi Province.

This is a time of building in Area III. Construction of barracks and dining facilities, headquarters

spaces, motor pools and family housing units can be seen everywhere you look.

Infrastructure improvements are ongoing in the areas of fiber optics, as well as utility upgrades to remove overhead lines and ensure Area III is current with technology. Area III directorates and staff continue to improve across all areas and services.

Area III is good and getting better. Go out and explore everything this exciting area has to offer and let us know how we can make it better for you.



The Area III airfield offers excellent platforms for mission and training flights, keeping the force "Ready to fight tonight."



U.S. Army Photos



An artist rendering of the Camp Humphreys aquatic park, one of many "Quality of Life" projects, shows what the facility will look like when it opens in June 2006



Children experience Korean culture with Shen Jue-kun, a Korean kite master, teaching them how to make and fly traditional kites.



Area III Web site unlocks wealth of information

The Area III Web site, located at <http://area3.korea.army.mil>, has a wealth of information for the newcomer, as well as those who have been here for a while. The Web site is divided into areas of interest to simplify site navigation.

All Soldiers will find valuable information in the Soldiers area. Soldiers on an accompanied tour will want to check out the Families area, while the kids will surf over to the Kids and Teens section. All family members will be interested in the Activities area. Those who want to know more about what it's like to live in Korea have a variety of links from either the Newcomers button or the Living in Korea link.

A comprehensive listing of phone numbers, locations and hours of operation for Area III services is found in Community Information. Other things to check out in this section include the movie schedule, commissary and post exchange information as well as everything you want to know about education in Area III.

Whatever your interests, you are sure to find lots to keep you pointing and clicking when visiting <http://area3.korea.army.mil>.



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Augusta West Driving Range (above center) and Cheongpung Land Bungee Park (above) offer a variety of recreation options to Area III residents.



Noncombatant evacuation exercises ensure non-mission essential personnel are ready to leave the peninsula on short notice.



Documents check is a key component of NEO exercises.



A one-stop in-and-out-processing center provides an efficient method for Soldiers to complete paperwork.



Mission-essential and emergency-essential civilians train to maintain skills necessary in a contaminated area.



Customer service points offer a convenient place to collect clothing and equipment issued to Soldiers.

Area III Mission

The Area III mission is three-fold: to protect the force; to evacuate noncombatants; and to provide base operations support. Area III has all of the departments necessary to provide the basic services to house, feed, educate, outfit, entertain and meet the spiritual needs of Soldiers, civilians and family members.

Camp Humphreys is a major point of egress for noncombatants including family members, non-essential civilians and third country nationals. Evacuation procedures are practiced twice a year to keep skills sharp.

Camp Humphreys has the only live-fire pit for training firefighters. Firefighters from all over the

peninsula gather to train here. Since there are mutual aid agreements in place, civilian firefighters from surrounding areas also train at Humphreys.

The Area III Directorate of Logistics has the mission to provide central issue facilities across the peninsula.



Mom keeps an eye on her daughter while members of the Area III Safety Team inspect her bicycle during the annual Bicycle Rodeo at Camp Humphreys.



Combat Pistol qualification and 25-meter ranges allow Soldiers assigned to the area to maintain weapons qualifications.

Area III Tenant Units

Area III is home to more than 50 tenant units. Large units include 194th Maintenance Battalion, 23rd Area Support Group, Air Force 607th Combat Communications Support and 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade. The 6th Cavalry Brigade will be incorporated into the Multi-Function Aviation Brigade.

Critical services such as medical and dental care, military police, weather and personnel support services including Soldier in- and out-processing are provided by tenant units.

Tenant units provide aircrew training in the areas of overwater survival and flight simulators that can be configured to current AH-64A Apache, OH-58D Kiowa Warrior, UH-60A/L Black Hawk, CH-47-D Chinook and AH-64D Longbow Apache aircraft.

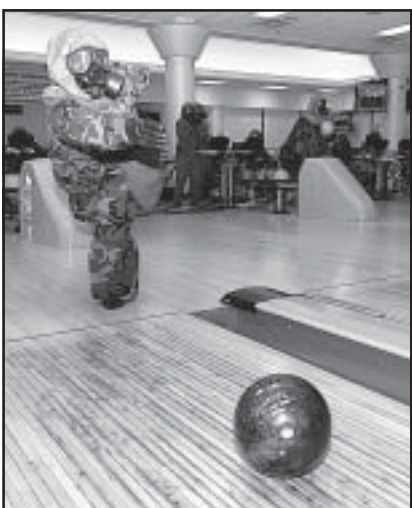
Weapons training is accomplished on the Combat Pistol Qualifications Course and the 25-meter Range. Realistic field conditions are to be had within a short drive from the Camp Humphreys gate.



Training from the use of shoulder fired missiles to drawing blood under field conditions.



Units schedule CPR training with the American Red Cross.



Soldiers acclimate to chemical protection gear while having a good time.



Elements of 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade maintain Patriot missiles at Suwon Air Base

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New barracks construction (above) and barracks upgrade projects (below) provide private bedrooms and shared kitchens and baths. Senior enlisted and officers have individual suites, while family housing is provided both on base (top left) and off (at left) with the construction of new apartments in the community.





Area III Soldiers and Anjung-ri merchants work together to clean up Anjung-ri.



A chapel assistant relaxes in front of the Camp Long chapel.



Community

No matter where you are stationed, you will encounter Area III personnel who are dedicated to providing you the best level of facilities and support.

You will have opportunities to learn and grow professionally and personally, and you will have the opportunity to experience the 5000-year history and culture of our host nation.

Our community relations program provides a variety of opportunities to experience and enjoy both modern Korea and its long history. Our

neighbors are waiting to welcome you to their homeland and are anxious to extend their friendship and warm hospitality.

Your children will be educated at the Humphreys American Elementary School or the middle and high schools located about 15 miles away at Osan Air Base.

College courses are offered by the Education Center.

Those electing to home-school their children will find a strong support group of other home-schoolers.

Our community makes Area III the place to be in Korea.



Camp Humphreys American Elementary School educates grades K through six. Middle school and high school students are bussed to Osan Air Base for classes.

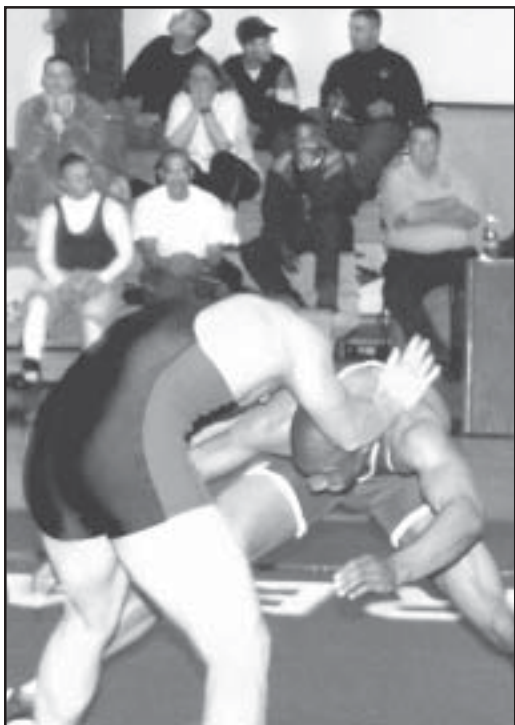
Leisure

Whether you enjoy team or individual sports, hobbies, volunteering, sightseeing or shopping, Area III has something for you. The main places to turn to are Morale, Welfare and Recreation, USO and Army Community Services.

Single and unaccompanied Soldiers can take advantage of award-winning Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers programs. BOSS programs at Humphreys, Long and Eagle have been recognized at both the U.S. Force Korea and Department of Army levels as having outstanding programs.



(Clockwise, from above picture) Whether running in an MWR-sponsored race, sharing American holidays, participating in Korean culture, wrestling or boxing in a local "smoker," or shopping downtown -- there is always something fun and interesting to do in Area III.





Welcome to Area IV

'The best place to live, work and play in Korea'

Welcome to Daegu, "the best place to live, work and play in Korea." I am eager to support you in relocating to your new duty station as quickly and as efficiently as possible. For those of you with accompanying family members, my entire staff, including Army Community Services and Child & Youth Services stand ready to assist you and respond to any inquiry in order to help you settle into the Daegu Community.

Daegu, the third largest city in Korea, also known as the "Apple Capital of Korea," is located in a valley bounded on the north by the Palgong Mountains and the south by the Nakdong River. The area of this scenic city covers over 70 square miles and is approximately 136 feet above sea level. There are four distinct seasons here with the climate similar to Washington, D.C. Daegu is one of the oldest cities in Korea with a wealth of tradition in its history.



Col. Donald Hendrix

The Daegu Military Community offers a well-rounded schedule of activities through such programs as the Child Development Center, Army Community Services, Community Activities Center, Youth Services, Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers programs, and numerous private organizations. We are fortunate to have an excellent club system and one of the finest golf courses in Korea. Additionally, the Korean community offers many rich cultural events. I am certain your tour will be both challenging and rewarding.

For information about your new home, visit your local ACS. You can also view Standard Information Topic Exchange Service information about Area IV at www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites.

For information on the Installation Management Agency - Korea Region go to <http://ima.korea.army.mil/imakoroweb/sites/local/>. The Area IV Web site is: <http://ima.korea.army.mil/UsasaAreaIV/AreaIVKORO/sites/local/>. The peninsula-wide newspaper The Morning Calm Weekly can be found at: <http://ima.korea.army.mil/MorningCalmWeekly/default.htm>. For those with school-age children, visit the Taegu American School Web site at: http://www.taegu_un.pac.dodea.edu/index.html.

COL Donald J. Hendrix,
Commander, Area IV Support Activity



GALEN PUTNAM

Aimee Hildenbrand, TAS sophomore, reaches for the rafters as the Taegu American School Warriors Varsity Cheerleading Squad demonstrate one of their signature stunts. The squad took second place in the Small School Co-ed Division at the National Cheerleading Association U.S. Championships held in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Communities of Distinction

Area IV Public Affairs

Area IV, located in the southernmost region of the Republic of Korea, is home to the Area IV Support Activity, a 12-time Department of the Army and 8th United States Army Community of Excellence finalist, and the winner of Department of the Army Community Relations Award for Excellence in 2004. It's affectionately known as the "Best Place to Live, Work and Play in Korea."

Installations in Area IV include camps Henry, George and Walker and K-2 Air Base in Daegu, Camp Carroll in Waegwan, Camp Hialeah in Busan, Chinhae Naval Fleet Activity and Gwangju Air Base. The Area IV Support Activity is responsible for providing base operations services for the nearly 12,000 people who live and work on Army installations from Daejeon south to Busan.

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Major housing improvements on the horizon

Area IV Public Affairs

Families moving to Area IV will benefit from an array of improvements that have significantly upgraded on- and off-post living conditions for Soldiers, civilian employees and their family members.

The Area IV Housing Division is now planning a mid-rise housing complex at Camp Walker that will create 300 new apartments. The complex will replace 25 single-story Army Family Housing duplexes.

Construction of the five 10-story buildings was originally planned to begin this summer. The start was subsequently delayed and now summer of 2006 is the new tentative timeframe for the project's groundbreaking, according to Chuck Youngblood, chief, Area IV Housing Division.

"We are looking to complete the construction and initial move-in by summer of '08," he said.

The buildings, which will be located near the golf course, would house three-, four-, and five-bedroom units. The smallest would measure 1,700 square feet and the largest 2,250 square feet.

Each building will feature underground parking which allows each family to have two reserved spots big enough for American-sized SUVs. Also, families will have their own storage rooms in the underground, large enough to store a bicycle along with appliance boxes.

The project would be in the "built-to-lease" category, which means the developer, not the Army, would pay to build the complex at its own expenses. The Army then would lease the units from the contractor, in the form of rents.

The complex will resemble the new housing developments at Camp Humphreys and Yongsan Garrison's South Post, according to Youngblood.

"Ours won't be the same, though," he said. "We have and we still are looking for ways to make our project better."

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Variety of medical, dental, veterinary services available

Area IV Public Affairs

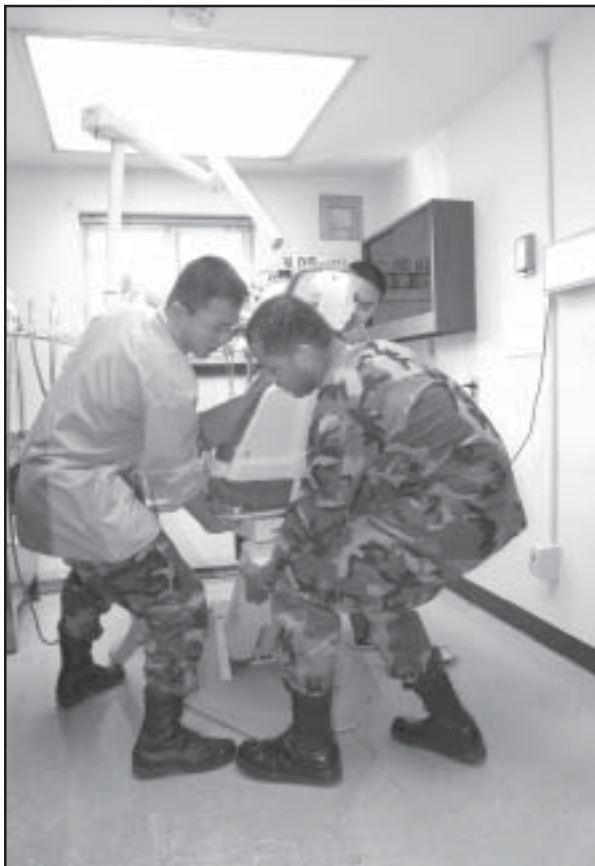
Area IV installations offer comprehensive medical and dental services for Soldiers, civilian employees and eligible family members.

Camp Walker features Wood Medical Clinic that provides primary care to eligible personnel of all ages. Services include general adult and family medicine, routine gynecology, optometry, prenatal care, management of common orthopedic injuries, minor surgery, immunization and individual counseling.

For conditions that require more intensive care, the clinic refers patients to the appropriate specialist at the 121st General Hospital on Yongsan Garrison, or one of its local sister hospitals off post. The clinic has signed memoranda of understanding with Dongsan Hospital and Hyosung Women's University Hospital in Daegu.

The Urgent Care Area within the clinic provides initial treatment, stabilization and preparation for evacuation in emergencies. The UCA is open 24 hours a day and is staffed with a medic on site and a health care provider on call. Routine examinations are available by appointment only.

Camp Walker Dental Clinic is also located inside the Wood Medical Clinic and offers dental care on an appointment basis, except for emergencies and sick call. The clinic has five chairs with four dentists and one hygienist, and provides comprehensive dental service including annual exams, cleanings, restorative care and more intensive procedures for active-duty personnel. For family members, the clinic provides only annual exams and minor services such as restorations. For all other dental services, family members are referred to TRICARE, an off-post dental care provider.



Sgt. Oh Dong-keun

(Foreground from left) Sgt. Park Sung-min, Cpl. Conrad Rath and Pfc. Jang Eun-soo (background) of the 618th Dental Company, who work at the Camp Walker Dental Clinic, move a dental chair in preparation for the clinic's renovation and relocation.

The on-going renovation of the dental clinic that began in December 2004 is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2005. The renovation will expand the

clinic space from 4,800 to 8,000 square feet and increase the number of chairs to 12.

Medical clinics on Camps Carroll and Hialeah provide the same types of services, but on a smaller scale. The Camp Carroll clinic refers its patients needing unavailable services to the 121st General Hospital and the two Daegu area sister hospitals. The Camp Hialeah clinic refers its patients to the 121st and Dong-eui Medical Center, its sister hospital in Busan.

Camp Carroll also has a dental clinic with four chairs, a dentist and a hygienist. The clinic offers care on an appointment basis, except for emergencies and sick calls. It is located in Building S-137, next to the bowling center.

The Camp Hialeah Dental Clinic provides routine dental care such as screening and cleaning on an appointment basis and limited emergency care for Soldiers and family members. The clinic, which has one chair, a dentist and a hygienist, refers active-duty patients to Yongsan Dental Clinic and dependents to off-post dentists in the local area.

Health services for pets are also available in Area IV. The Camp Walker Veterinary Clinic provides various pet vaccinations for a modest fee, along with other services including minor surgery and health checks for certification needed to travel out of country.

The Camp Hialeah Veterinary Clinic offers basic level care for pets including annual vaccinations and minor surgery. Pets are seen on an appointment basis except for emergencies at both clinics. More severe cases are referred to the Yongsan Veterinary Clinic in Seoul.

Programs, services enhance Area IV quality of life

Area IV Public Affairs

Soldiers, civilian employees and family members moving to Area IV installations will find many of the same community services they enjoyed in the United States. The programs and services are designed to provide a high quality of life for residents.

Army Community Service on Area IV installations Camp Henry, Camp Carroll and Camp Hialeah provide an abundance of services to assist families. Among them are the Army Family Action Plan, Army Family Team Building, Employment Readiness, Exceptional Family Member Program, Family Advocacy Program, Army Volunteer Corp, Deployment and Mobilization Program, Financial Readiness, and Relocation Assistance.

Additionally, ACS offices provide other services to include a lending closet, crafts and cooking classes, English as a Second Language, beginning Korean language, information and referral services, and special events such as Spouse Appreciation Day and Military Family Month activities. All Area IV ACSs host a monthly Newcomer's Orientation and tour of the local Korean community.

The ACS satellite center at Camp Carroll operates the Apple Blossom Cottage, which serves as a "home away from home" for family members. The facility has a large screen television, all the amenities normally associated with a home, and a vast array of video tapes with family themes. Patrons can also cook, bake and relax in a home-type environment. They can even watch television while doing laundry.

While ACS meets the needs of adults, Child & Youth Services programs at Camp Walker and Camp Hialeah are available for children and youth from six weeks to 18 years old. The programs include sports and recreation, teen, middle school and school-age services, and child development services.

Youth Services offers basketball, baseball, softball and soccer for children in Daegu and at Camp Hialeah. The swim team at Camp Walker makes extensive use of the indoor and outdoor pools. Camp Hialeah Youth Services offers an after-school homework club, 4-H Clubs, Torch and Keystone clubs and summer programs such as Camp Adventure and leadership camps.

The Child Development Centers on camps George and Carroll promote the physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of young children. The program emphasizes the importance of developing socialization skills and encourages children to learn through active exploration and interaction with adults and other children.

The Camp George CDC provides full-day, part-day, and hourly care based on availability. Full day care provides developmental services that meet the



GALEN PUTNAM

The 2nd Republic of Korea Army Honor Guard performs a precision drill during its performance at the 2004 U.S. Army birthday celebration held at Kelly Field.

needs of working parents who require childcare five to eleven hours per day on a regular basis. Part-day care is offered from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday when Taegu American School is in session. Hourly care is intended for parents who need short-term child care on an intermittent basis. It is not intended to replace full- or part-time care.

The Child Development Center at Camp Carroll facilitates all aspects of Child and Youth Services for the Camp Carroll community. Programming and services include; Child Development Services, School Age Services and Middle School and Teen programming.

Camp Hialeah has a Child Development Home which offers care for children 6 weeks to 12 years old for parents with busy schedules. The Child Development Home has monthly and hourly rates and provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks.

Many families with small children opt to hire a Korean nanny to care for their

children in their home. It is relatively inexpensive and the nannies have much experience caring for American children.

In addition to CDC services, the CYS offers School-Age Services and Middle School and Teen Services. School-Age Services are available for Taegu American School students from kindergarten through fifth grade. The after-school program offers the children a choice between entertainment, homework and computer, creative arts, 4-H, Boys and Girls Clubs of America programs and playground activities. Transportation is provided to and from the SAS at Camp Walker. Limited School-Age Services programming is available at Camp Hialeah, including clubs and Homework Power Hour.

For youth in Daegu, there are a number of activities, including clubs and events through the school, the Images Teen Center and a Middle School Program offering a variety of trips and events.

Department of Defense Dependents'

Schools are located on Camp George and Camp Hialeah. The Taegu American School serves grades kindergarten through 12 and has an enrollment of about 600 students. It offers a wide variety of sports programs including soccer, football, wrestling, cross-country, basketball and volleyball. Other extracurricular activities are yearbook, newspaper, drama, student council, National Honor Society, and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Pusan American School on Camp Hialeah provides a free education for about 220 children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Students can participate in soccer, basketball, pep squad, cross-country, football, softball, volleyball, soccer and tennis.

Other extracurricular activities include the newspaper, speech and drama, yearbook, JROTC and others. Students from Chinhae Naval Base also attend PAS.

For adults, Army education centers on camps Henry, Carroll and Hialeah offer a variety of educational and training programs.

The Learning Resource Centers offers an MOS Reference Library, military correspondence courses, computer and multimedia laboratory with Internet access, and self-development programs. Testing services include DANTES and CLEP tests, national certification exams, and Army personnel testing. Functional Academic Skills Training and MOS improvement training is provided for Soldier development.

Central Texas College, the University of Maryland University College and the University of Phoenix give Soldiers an opportunity to earn a college degree. Central Texas College offers associate degree and certificate programs, University of Maryland University College offers associate and bachelor



SGT. OH DONG-KEUN

Lucion Davis from K-2 Air Base in Daegu swerves around a defender from Chinhae Naval Base during the Area IV Turkey Bowl all-armed forces flag football tournament, held in November at Kelly Field on Camp Walker. The Air Force team from K-2 Air Base went on to defeat the team Navy from Chinhae Naval Base 13-12.

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degree programs, and the University of Phoenix offers masters in management program in a classroom environment. Additionally, distance education classes at all levels are available from a variety of accredited colleges and universities.

Digital Training Facilities at camps Carroll and Henry offer more than 600 military occupational specialty and specialty training courses through the Distance Learning Program using multi-media technologies such as computers, the Internet, CD-ROM and video tele-training.

The Area IV Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division also has a great variety of recreational opportunities for off-duty hours.

MWR facilities on Camp Henry include the Henry's Place restaurant and club, the Fit-to-Win Center, and auto crafts shop. Camp Walker has the Evergreen Community Club and Golf Course, Brass Apple Annex Club, Hilltop Club, bowling center, Kelly Fitness Center, indoor and outdoor pools, recently renovated Community Activities Center with a library, and the arts and crafts shop.

The nine-hole Evergreen Golf Course received a nearly \$4 million makeover in 2003. Improvements were made to the greens, sand traps, drainage and irrigation systems. Additionally, a pond with an island hole was constructed behind the Walker Army Lodge. The facility also has a driving range, practice bunkers and putting greens, as well as a pro shop.

MWR facilities on Camp Carroll include the Hideaway Club, bowling center, Community Activities Center, library, fitness center, indoor and outdoor pools, and a miniature golf course.

Additionally, the recently built \$8.1 million Camp



KEVIN JACKSON

Sgt. 1st Class Terry Newby gets a quick lesson in Samulnori music from a Kyongbuk College of Science professor during a campus tour Nov. 24, 2004. The gwaengwari they are playing is one of four percussion instruments used to create the traditional farmers' music.

Carroll Fitness Center is now open for business. The 46,000-square-foot facility features two full-size basketball courts, four racquetball courts, separate Nautilus and free weight rooms, a cardiovascular fitness room equipped with treadmills, cross-trainers and exercise bicycles, an aerobics room, locker rooms, and an equipment room.

MWR facilities on Camp Hialeah include the Pusan Pub, bowling center, fitness center, Community Activities Center, library, theater, putting greens, golf practice range and auto craft shop.

Area IV also offers a variety of lodging facilities

for transient Soldiers, civilian employees and their families. The Walker Army Lodge is a three-story, 60-room, \$8.5 million facility that opened in 2002. Standard rooms and suites are available.

Other lodges in Area IV include the 28-room Camp Henry Army Lodge, the 24-room Camp Walker Army Lodging Annex, the 16-room Camp Carroll Army Lodge and the Camp Hialeah Army Lodge with 47 rooms. Improvements include the ongoing construction of a new five-story, 50-room Army lodge at Camp Carroll that is expected to open in the beginning of 2006.

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Area IV is the largest of the Army's four geographic regions in the ROK comprising about 10,000 square miles.

The Area IV Support Activity headquarters is located on Camp Henry in Daegu, which is also home to camps Walker and George. Daegu is the third largest city in Korea with a population of about 2.5 million, and is located about 180 miles south of Seoul.

Camp Henry is located on 51 acres in the Nam-gu District. The camp primarily consists of administrative buildings and community facilities to support the major tenant commands. It is home to the 19th Theater Support Command, 55th Theater Material Management Center, and the 728th Military Police Battalion.

Facilities on the installation include an Army and Air Force Exchange Service Shoppette and food court, theater, Henry's Place, Fit-to-Win Center, auto craft shop, theater, Army Community Services, Education Center, Digital Training Facility, an Army lodge and Butler buildings for exercise participants.

In December 2004, a new 232-person junior enlisted Soldiers' barracks opened featuring all new furniture and other amenities.

Area IV has been a Department of the Army finalist in the Army Community of Excellence Program two of the past three years. It has received 12 Department of the Army and 8th U.S. Army ACOE awards since the program was created in 1988 and the Daegu enclave was named the Army's best small overseas installation that year. Area IV Support Activity was also named the winner of Department of the Army Community Relations Award for Excellence in 2004 for its efforts to build ties with the Korean community.

Camp Walker is located about one-half mile southwest of Camp Henry on a 194-acre parcel below scenic Apsan Park. The camp provides mainly community support activities to the enclave and housing to 100 military and civilian families. The northernmost portion of the installation is home to the H-805 Heliport and the central portion is devoted to recreational use, including the Evergreen Golf Course, Kelly Fitness Center, and Kelly Field. Family and unaccompanied housing dominate the southern portion of the installation and AAFES facilities occupy the east side.

Major tenant units assigned to Camp Walker include the 36th Signal Battalion, 168th Medical Battalion, HHC, 19th Theater Support Command, 188th Military Police Company, and the Taegu affiliate of the American Forces Network-Korea.

Facilities include the AAFES Post Exchange and food court, commissary, military clothing sales store,



Sgt. Oh Dong-Keun

Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien anoints Cathreene Tomas on the head as Norma Rifner, her sponsor, looks on during a confirmation Mass at Soldier Memorial Chapel on Camp Walker March 29, 2005.

shoppette, gas station, car care center, Evergreen Community Club and Golf Course, Hilltop Club, bowling center, Kelly Fitness Center, indoor pool, Community Activities Center and library, Youth Services, Walker Medical Clinic, dental and veterinary clinics, Apple Tree Gift Shop, Soldiers Memorial Chapel, Walker Army Lodge and more.

Camp George is located on 47 acres and is less than one-quarter mile west of Camp Henry. It is home to Mountain View Village, a 198-unit apartment complex leased from the Korean National Housing Corporation, Taegu American School, Child Development Center, Family Life Center, and a Shoppette.

The Republic of Korea's K-2 Air Base, located on the east side of the city adjacent to the Daegu International Airport, is home to Echo Company, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, and the U.S. Air Force's 607th Support Squadron, which provides all support services for its Army counterpart. It has a bowling center, theater, and an AAFES Mini-Mall, Shoppette and snack bar and fitness center.

Camp Carroll lies 22 miles northwest of Daegu in the Nakdong Valley and consists of 495 acres in Waegwan. It primarily houses Army prepositioned stocks and battalion-size units.

Major tenants include the U.S. Army Materiel Support Center-Korea, 20th Support Group, Combat Equipment Battalion - North East Asia, 6th Ordnance Battalion, 16th Medical Logistics Battalion, and the 307th Signal Battalion.

Facilities on the installation include an AAFES Post Exchange and food court, commissary, military clothing sales store, Hideaway Club, bowling center, Community Activities Center, library, indoor and

outdoor pools, mini-golf course, Army Community Services, a Child Development Center, Education Center, and a Digital Training Facility.

The installation features an \$8.1 million Fitness Center, which opened in December 2003. The 46,000 square foot facility features two full-size basketball courts, four racquetball courts, separate Nautilus and free weight rooms, a cardiovascular fitness room equipped with treadmills, cross-trainers and exercise bicycles, an aerobics room, locker rooms and an equipment room. In March 2005, the renovated AAFES Food Court opened featuring Popeye's Chicken, Subway's Sandwich, Pizza Hut and an expanded Baskin Robbins Ice Cream outlet.

Construction for a 50-room Army lodge began November 2004 and it is scheduled to be completed in the beginning of 2006. Planned improvements include a new Community Club with sit-down dining; a 12 lane bowling center; a new heated outdoor pool with water slide, diving area, kiddie pool and picnic and volleyball areas.

Also on tap is a total renovation of the mutil-purpose Storey Athletic Field to include improved drainage, artificial-turf, new lighting and fencing. In addition, 360 Build-To-Lease family housing units are in the planning stage and could be a reality by 2009.

Camp Hialeah is located on the southeastern tip of the peninsula in Busan. It is the second largest city in the ROK with a population of about 3.9 million and the only major city in the ROK to escape capture by communist forces during the Korean War. It is located about 107 miles southeast of Daegu.

Camp Hialeah has 91 Army family housing units in two housing areas, including eight two- and three-bedroom units that opened in October 2002.

Major tenant units include the 4th Quartermaster Detachment, 61st Chemical Company, 72nd Ordnance Company and the 552nd Military Police Company.

Some of the facilities on Camp Hialeah include an AAFES Post Exchange and food court, commissary, military clothing sales store, theater, Pusan Pub, bowling center, fitness center, Community Activities Center, library, Army Community Services and an Education Center.

Camp Hialeah is a three-time winner of the Korea-wide small-size Army Community of Excellence award.

Other installations include the Pusan Storage Facility and Pier 8, where the 837th Transportation Battalion "Kargo Kings" provides military ocean terminal operations and services in support of U.S. Forces Korea.

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Youngblood also mentioned that they are planning to build the same type of apartment complex at Camp Carroll in the future.

The Area IV Housing Division also maintains Mountain View Village, a 10-building 200-apartment complex for family housing, which is slated to undergo a major renovation.

Improvements will include the installation of elevators in every building, new furniture and videophone entrance systems in every apartment and a new playground.

However, according to the Housing Division, the most significant change the renovation will bring is the alteration of building structure that will reduce the number of housing units in each building, while increasing the average living space of the units.

"This is a total restructuring of the buildings," Youngblood said. "Currently, we

have 20 housing units in each building ranging from two to four bedrooms. With the renovation, we are getting rid of two-bedroom units and bringing in five-bedroom units to meet the size of our families today."

The renovation is slated to begin in 2006 and will commence in phases.

"We will not be working on all 10 buildings at the same time," Youngblood said. "Rather, we will be working on one to two buildings at a time to minimize the inconvenience to our residents. While the buildings are under construction, the residents of those buildings will be moved to other buildings in the complex."

The Housing Division estimates that it will take three-and-a-half to four years to complete the project.

In addition to improving comfort inside the apartments, the Housing Division's ongoing Senior Occupant Program provides

building liaisons to address health and safety concerns at Mountain View Village and Camp Walker housing areas. A mayoral program, which addresses a much broader range of well-being issues kicked off in 2004.

Even in the midst of major family housing improvements, unaccompanied and single Soldiers housing has not been neglected. A comprehensive barracks upgrade program is systematically making dramatic quality of life improvements for single and unaccompanied Soldiers who live on Area IV installations. Several barracks and officers' quarters have recently been renovated and the construction of new barracks have been completed as well.

On Camp Henry, a new 232-person junior enlisted Soldiers' barracks opened December 2004, featuring all new furniture and other amenities. Also, five single Soldiers' barracks that previously housed personnel

from 20th Support Group, who recently moved to Camp Carroll, are under renovation.

On Camp Walker, several existing single junior enlisted Soldiers' barracks and bachelor officers' quarters reopened in the last year following renovation.

In March 2005, the construction of two 216-person junior enlisted Soldiers' barracks was completed at Camp Carroll. In addition, three barracks upgrade projects were completed in 2004 and more are scheduled to begin next year.

"Right now, most of the junior enlisted Soldiers' barracks in Area IV, as well as in the other areas in Korea, have two-plus-two configurations," Youngblood said. "We are working hard to have that changed to the one-plus-one standard like the barracks in the states to give the Soldiers more private space."